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A note from the Pastor:

September is a great time to think, "Let's go back to church!" It's the month when summer officially ends, vacations tend to wind down, and daily life takes on a different routine. For you and your family, weekly worship at St. Luke's can easily become part of your September routine. If you like inperson worship, each Sunday's service is a dynamic, sincere expression of God's grace and love. Another option is St. Luke's online service on YouTube, a recording of our in-person worship posted each Sunday by 10:30 am. The great thing about online worship is that it allows us to worship any day of the week from any location with high speed internet connectivity.

Also, September is a great time to invite someone to worship with you at St. Luke's. Online worship makes it easier than ever for someone to try us out. It also gives your family and friends in other physical locations a way to worship with you every week. Invite someone you know to St. Luke's this month!

I want to thank the people of St. Luke's for warmly welcoming my family and me. These first two months have been a good beginning in ministry together. You have opened your hearts to us and I'm grateful for this appointment. Thank you, St. Luke's!

Blessings, Dr. Mike

Feed My People

Feed My People is staying busy as usual. Renovations are about to be completed with the final refinishing touches on the floor later this month. A recent fund raiser, Chef's Choice, was a success with 140 guests in attendance. Chef Bob Mannecke was the winning chef!

Remember our Manna March on Sunday, September 24, at Jefferson Barracks. Registration is \$30 for a walker or you can be a virtual walker for only \$10. Come out and support Feed My People.

- Suzi Wilhelms

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

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

AUGUST 2023

Main Menu

Canned Ham, Turkey or Chicken
Rice, (white, brown, instant, regular, rice side dishes)
Boxed Potatoes, (mashed, au gratin, scalloped, etc.)
Any Canned Vegetable
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!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

by Jean Bailey

Grief luncheon will meet September 11th at 12 noon at Rich and Charlies on Lemay Ferry. Second Monday due to holiday.

I think we might have a special visitor.

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

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

Wednesdays, 12 PM

Bi-Weekly

• PIECEMAKERS QUILT GROUP

Wednesday, Sep 6 & 20

Monthly

 GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON

Sep 11th—12 Noon at Rich and Charlie's

VITAL STATISTICS

St. Luke's 2023:

Average Worship
Attendance

72 On Campus 39 Online Engagements

STEWARDSHIP GOALS: 2023 Apportionment Goals for Missions

Goal= \$46,386 Paid YTD= \$23,000

2023 Breakthrough Building Fund

Goal= \$468,757

Loan Balance

Paid YTD= \$23,192

Principle

Paid YTD= \$16,833 Interest

Rada Cutlery

Thank you to those who recently made purchases.

You may still purchase on-line at:



If you look at the current catalog in the office, you may notice that some prices have increased as of August 1. We will be getting updated catalogs, but all items available are on line. If you have any questions or need assistance placing an order, please contact Karen Anderson.

Piecemakers

After a month off in July and getting back together in August, we are getting organized to complete a quilt for Christmas. Our big group project is finished and available for sale – Just \$250 for a nice queen quilt. The quilt displayed with the backpacks project (pg 8) is available \$150. If you would like to see more, let us know. We are also willing to consider special requests. Anyone looking for some socialization, fun and lunch is welcome to join us! If you don't sew, cut, press or sort fabric, we can teach you. Or you can just offer suggestions! We will meet every Wednesday in September at 9 AM in the Gospel Café & Quilter's room with lunch at a local restaurant.

- Karen Anderson

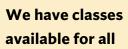
VBS

Thanks to all who set up, volunteered, worked and tore down VBS.

Special thanks to Beth Thurau, guidance and Randy Donaldson for all the decoration preparations.

- Domini McLafferty

SUNDAY SCHOOL



ages! All classes meet following Worship and fellowship time each Sunday.

Children ages 5 - 11—Noah's

Ark Kids meet in room 220 on the second floor of the Parkhurst building.

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

Adult classes—The Seekers meet in room 215/217 and The Open Door class meets in the Parlor (#211)

(Both of these rooms are in the hallway across from the church office)

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!

Dear Church family and friends,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns during my recent back surgery. My condition has definitely improved. I am now having physical therapy and hoping to get out more.

- Bill Zimmerman

(As of 8/1/2023)

Contributions:

General Fund and some

special dedicated accounts \$148,088 Income (General Fund): \$ 188,286

Building Fund \$19,604 Expenses (Staff and Operating Funds) \$ 243,204

Window Fund \$61,000 Difference \$ (54,918)

Monthly general fund contributions not covering monthly expenses.

Building loan – Paid \$23,192 on the principle thru July – current value: \$461,818.

Building Fund Balance: \$82,265

Building Loan Expenses YTD		Building Fund Contributions			
Principal	\$	23,192	Total YTD Contributions	\$	19,604
Interest	\$	16,833	Avg. Monthly Contributions	\$	2,801
Total	\$	40,025	Monthly contributions to the buil	ding fund o	are not
			covering the monthly expenses.		

The problem (and power) of money

by Pamela Jones

[Jesus told the rich man] "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ... [Jesus taught the disciples,] "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." -Mark 10:21b-22, 25

At a Bible study, a man of means asked, "Why does Jesus hate money so much?" His family saw their money as a good thing, and he earnestly wanted to understand why Jesus seems to speak negatively of wealth again and again.

In fact, Jesus talks about money more than nearly anything else. Interestingly, for all his talk about money, he never asks for it. And he never condemns it. Instead, Jesus warns us about the corrupting influence of money.

Wealth poses spiritual risks. Jesus teaches that money has the power to turn us inward – away from loving God with all our heart and loving our neighbor as ourselves. It confuses our values and direction.

All of us want full lives brimming with security, relationship, joy, peace and love – but money can ensure us none of those things. They are the fruits of loving God with ALL our strength and of loving our neighbor as ourselves. Wealth can get in the way.

That was the issue with the rich man in Mark 10:17-27. Deeply religious, he nonetheless worries about eternal life. The "one thing" he lacks, Jesus tells him, can be satisfied by selling what he has and giving to the poor. Generous giving would break the bond that money has over him and help re-center him on loving God and loving neighbor.

Generosity is the spiritual prescription Jesus gives the rich man, and it's the one for us, too.

The primary goal of our church's financial stewardship should not be to fund the church, but rather to break the chains that money may have on our hearts and souls. But giving generously we can help the church, our neighbor *and* ourselves. We can learn what it is to be free to love God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves.

SEPTEMBER 2023

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UMM SPOTLIGHT by John Newman

Help One Another

"So let us do what makes peace and helps one another." – Romans 14:19
"Our daily goal should be to constantly help each other. We should help each other for the sake of godliness and not for what we can gain. Just try to imagine what kind of families we could have, what kind of businesses, what kind of churches, if we would all just follow this one bit of godly instruction." – Jimmy Houston / Catch of the Day

Our July Saturday Breakfast meeting on July 8 at 9:00 AM was well attended with 12 men in attendance. Our Speaker, Mark Trout, talked about Jefferson Barracks History of saving buildings on the parks grounds and buildings. He also gave us some details on the past history of our Chapel when it was on the barracks grounds.

The UMM **SMOKED PORK Sales** were light again with only 9 units purchased and 1 case of 10 to cook. We donated 1 smoked pork unit to our new pastor Mike Gillen as a welcome gift. We will be evaluating the future of this as a fund raiser at a future meeting.

The UMM sponsored **Father's Day Tribute** collected \$180.00 for the Fathers and Families Support Center, we all of those that helped in the event.

Sunday July 30th St. Luke's UMM organized Family Day at the Grizzlies Baseball game and we had a total of 27 tickets sold. We got informed the day before that the Saturday gave was postponed due to storms and that our tickets would be good for both the makeup game and the scheduled game on Sunday. The first game the Grizzlies won 3-0 and they lost the 2nd game 10-6. The trip to the Grizzlies Park was fun and enjoyable.

CALENDAR

August 28th - UMM/UWF dinner and Meetings,

Oct. 21st - St. Luke's Trunk-R-Treat

Please mark your calendars.

Monthly Mission—September 2023

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 have not sorted everything that has been donated yet, but there were many items received from the Vacation Bible School collection and from our congregation. Please continue to bring in any items you have and place in the



box in the Welcome Center. The value of each kit is estimated at \$35.00. We will assemble these sometime in September, and I will be able to give a final figure at that time. They will be delivered to the Festival of Sharing drop off site on October 7, 2023. The kits will be appreciated by youth in our area and throughout Missouri.

Report on MODOT 231 Meeting

On July 27, 2023

At Hancock Place School District Offices

By John Newman

Missouri Department of Transportation held a Third Public meeting for planned modifications to Missouri Route 231 from Broadway at River Des Peres to Kingston then Telegraph ending at the side street Franru. This meeting was for the public to be made aware of the results of the previous meeting at Café Telegraph and to give their thoughts on various designs for the improvements that would be related to the project. Shaun Tooley, with MODOT, was one of the individuals in charge of the meeting. I attended as a representative for St. Luke's United Methodist Church, also in attendance were several representatives from businesses along the route as well as people living along the route.

As part of this meeting MODOT handed out questionnaires for the attendees to give their thoughts on the various proposals being presented.

Channel 2 News was at the meeting and did a report on the proposed work and to interview the MODOT spokesman and some of those attending. I was seen in some of the background shots and was also interviewed.

Anyone can go on the MODOT website (www.savemolives.com) or email Shaun Tooley at (Shaun.Tooley@modot.mo.gov) and leave comments for them to review in their determination of what will be part of this project.

The next meeting will be publicly announced in the near future.

United Women in Faith September 2023 News



Our September meeting is in August! Due to the holiday we have a special event for UWF on **Monday, August 28, 2023**.

This meeting is open to all members of the church - both men and women. We will have a meal at 6:00 p.m. in the Gospel Cafe, then a special presentation at 7:00 p.m. This year we will have a guest speaker from "Remains." This is an organization that is committed to the reuse and recycling of used clothing and textiles. We hope you are able to join us for this informative talk and fellowship time.

Our regular general meetings for UWF will resume on Monday, October 2, 2023.

The **25 Cent Sale for the Re-Sell-It shop** was a great success! Thank You to the volunteers that helped set up and staff the sale, and to the wonderful customers that made purchases both at the sale and in the main shop. A lot of merchandise found new homes!

Sandy Newman

Lunch Bunch

The September Lunch Bunch will be at Syberg's on Gravois on Tuesday, September 12 at 12:30. Please notify Susan Wilhelms or the church office if interested.



Need Prayer? We are here for you.

for the chance to answer your prayers and fulfill your dreams, just as He always has. But He can't if you don't aream. In short,

He can't if you don't believe.

If you are in need of prayer, our Prayer Room is open.

You may use it to pray privately or there will be someone available to pray with you.



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.

FORDER NEWS

Thank you to all that help support 2023-24 Forder School backpack drive. It was very successful as was the BBQ. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped cook the "dogs", serve the "dogs", paint little faces, and gave out books and candy.

It's always a fun time and you all are appreciated. - Jane



Noah's Ark Kids



Our Noah's Ark Kids Sunday School Class has collected \$50.00 for Heifer Project so far this year and, due to a matching gift program, were able to purchase a Water Buffalo!

The children all have differing opinions on what they would like to save their offering for Next. They have looked at honey bees, goats, cows and even another water buffalo. These animals range from about \$20.00 to as much as \$250.00.

We are very proud of our kids for taking on this mission. It's a wonderful learning opportunity for them and allows them to help families in need. Their gift to Heifer will also provide training for the recipients on how to care for the animals and their uses.

I would like to thank everyone that provided special music over the summer months while the choirs were in recess and even while I was on vacation! i also would like to thank Bruce Walker, our Worship Leader, for filling in for me while I have been gone. With the choirs starting up rehearsals, we will once again be able to enjoy the beautiful and inspiring music that they provide. If you are thinking about joining any of the music groups here at St. Luke's (Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, or Praise Team), please see me after the service! I hope you had a great summer!

Tom Schmidt, Music Director



Healthy Ministries

It's up to us to find a way to bring the church to those that are unable to be with us in person. Several of our friends are homebound or in assisted living or nursing homes. 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 September birthdays among our homebound friends.

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.

St. Luke's Homebound Ministry



New Small Group Opportunity

Let's talk about it... if you're looking for meaningful discussions on inclusiveness, social justice and current events through the lens of our church; you've come to the right place! **STP** (**S**tirring **T**he **P**ot) Fellowship will begin meeting On September 10th in the Gospel Café during the Sunday school hour.

Questions? Contact Cindy Schneringer 314-488-8504 or Steve Wilhelms 601-529-2539

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, we are in need of a few people that would be willing to serve as communion stewards. 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.



SIMPLE. FAST. SECURE.

Want to donate to St. Luke's UMC? Use Tithe.ly! Tithe.ly can be accessed by heading to our church website, orclicking on the button provided in the weekly email blast, or downloading the

app in either Google Play Store or Apple iTunes. Tithe ly will enable givers to either give a 1 time donation or 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!

ONLINE GIVING JUST GOT EASIER!

PRAYER LIST

1-14 DAYS

Jody Craine
Coleen Eggemeyer
Karen Feddersen
Tippie Heimos
Terry McCleary
Mary Brunstein Seyer

15-60 DAYS

Dottye Allen Ashley Halker
Challie Allison Dennis Ledger
Kathy Brummett Caroline Lewis
Steven Davis Marlene Loese
Family of Saima Davis Cheryl Rothe
Tom Dieckhaus & Family Larry Snelson
Mae McAdow Laura Widman
Anita Phillips Bill Zimmerma
Bob Strub
Maisy June Thompson

Family of Joan Wilholt

Frances Wyatt Kathy Wyatt & Family

Ongoing Requests

Judy Aubuchon
Carol Baitinger
David Bougreau
Geoffrey Fasoldt
Bridget Fischer
Ashley Halker
Dennis Ledgerwood
Caroline Lewis
Marlene Loesekam
Cheryl Rothe
Larry Snelson
Laura Widman
Bill Zimmerman

SEPTEMBER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6—David and Jamie Caldwell
- **16**—Chris and Richard Mehigh
- **17**—Nick and Becky Rothe
- 17—Beth and David Thurau

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!

SEPTEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

- 3—Daniel Knese
- 4-Anthony Knese
- **5**—Jill Skaggs
- **5**—Bev Zimmerman
- 7—Jonathan Munroe
- **10**—Ramona Schmidt
- **10**—Val Stones
- 12—David Caldwell
- 13—Darrel Gamblin
- 14—Camden Follmer
- **15**—Carol Englehard
- 21—Kyra Dreppard
- 21—Ron Main
- **22**—Cadence Lampe
- 24—Sharon Munster
- 26—Carol Davis-McDonald
- **26**—James LaPlant
- 27—Logan Dreppard
- 28—Ryan Follmer
- 28—Rejoice Mubonani
- 28—Tanya Norris
- **29**—Janet Berkley
- 29—Chase Skaggs
- 30—Stacey Knese
- 30—Terry Schott
- **30**—Frances Wyatt

Meet & Greets with Pastor Mike Gillen!

Please Plan to attend one of the following "Coffee/Tea and Desserts" sessions to get to know Pastor Mike and for him to get to know us. We would love for you to bring a snack/finger food/dessert to share with the group - you can coordinate with the host if you would like. **Pick a date and call the office or sign up in church** to let us know when you would like to attend! Let's all welcome the Gillen's to St. Luke's!

August 20, Sunday @ 3PM

Hosted by Shari Scott

Location: Community Room @ Sylvan Springs Senior Apartments, 515 Franru Lane, 63125

August 22, Tuesday @ 6PM

Hosted by: Karen Anderson

Location: Caldwell Parlor @ St. Luke's UMC, 2761 Telegraph Rd., 63125

September 7, Thursday @5 PM (Light Dinner)

Hosted by: Steve and Suzie Wilhelms

Location: 3620 Paul David Dr., 63129

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

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



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

Address Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

Church Office: 314-892-5595

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

Email: office@stlukesumcmo.org Email: pastor@stlukesumcmo.org





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09/10 Sacrificing

09/17 Growing

09/24 Celebrating



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