

# April 2024 Newsletter

St. Luke's STL

A United Methodist Church

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## A Letter from the Pastor

Good communication is key to a healthy church. It's very important to me that St. Luke's creates excellent lines of communication to regular participants, our community, and the larger world through all print, digital and social media.

In the not to distant future, you'll notice a redesigned monthly newsletter. The streamlined look will provide the same content about church ministries and programming events with a simplified layout intended to improve content retention.

St. Luke's St. Louis is a United Methodist Church that offers a unique way to be a follower of Christ in South County. We all have family and friends who would benefit from the connection to God and others found at St. Luke's. Our monthly newsletter, weekly bulletin, weekly weekend e-newsletter, website, and Facebook page are all intended to offer a clear, inviting, and memorable window into this disciple-making, world-transforming church.

For Christ,

Dr. Mike

## New Office Hours

**Beginning April 1, the office will be closed on Fridays.** The new office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-3:00 pm. You can always reach out to Stacy McGlasson, Executive Assistant, at her email address: [stacymcglason@gmail.com](mailto:stacymcglason@gmail.com).

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

Every four years delegates from all over the world gather together for the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. In Charlotte, North Carolina, April 23-May 3, the General Conference will convene. Due to the pandemic, this meeting has been delayed since 2020.

The General Conference is the one time when the United Methodist Church speaks with one voice. It's also the legislative branch of the denomination (Bishops and the Judicial Council being like the executive and judicial branches of American government). Almost 1,100 legislative petitions will be considered.

Five key areas of legislation will be considered:

\*Regionalization, allowing the United States to function like Central Conferences in regards to the Book of Discipline and other legislative matters.

\*Inclusion- creating a more inclusive approach to human sexuality, marriage, and ordination

\*Retirement Plan- The United States has a retirement plan for clergy. A new plan is proposed.

\*Church Finances- The budget for the UMC needs to be approved for the next four years.

\*Revised Social Principles- It's time to revise the Social Principles and approve a new Book of Resolutions.

Please be in prayer for our international church as delegates gather later this month in Charlotte. May the General Conference lead United Methodists forward in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is back! We will meet at Nubby's Restaurant at 6039 Telegraph Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129 on Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-SAVE THE DATE!

**Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 22-26.** Mark your calendars now. More information coming soon!

## INVITABLE EVENTS

### Weekly

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10AM**
- **SEW N'SEWS**  
Mondays, 9AM  
Fellowship Hall
- **PIECEMAKERS QUILTING AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
Wednesdays, 9-11 AM,  
Fellowship Hall
- **RE-SELL-IT SHOPPE**  
Thursdays, 9:30 - 3:30 PM  
Saturdays, 10 AM - 2 PM  
Parkhurst Gym

### Monthly

- **GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON**  
April 8 at noon at Helen Fitzgerald's.

## Grief Luncheon *by Jean Bailey*

We will meet at Helen Fitzgerald 's on April 8th at noon. Meeting the 2nd Monday in April.

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

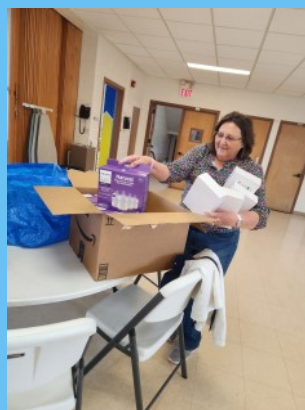
## GAME DAY

We have started Game Day again! Every Monday at NOON. Bring your own lunch. We'll play board games and card games beginning at 12:30 pm. All are invited!

## Piecemakers *by Karen Anderson*

We have completed 21 layette kits for new mothers and their babies. These will be donated to Lifewise and Feed My People to distribute as needed. Each kit included items that were donated or we were able to purchase from the sale of our quilts: a quilt, burp towels, outfits/onesies, diapers & wipes, bottles, and sensory blankets along with several other items that a new mother would need.

We have been enjoying the new interest in our group. You only need to want to socialize and we will help you learn a new skill. There is something for everyone. AND of course, there is lunch - somewhere at our local establishments. We meet on Wednesday at 9:00 in the Gospel Cafe & quilting room.



## April Monthly Mission

### “Senior Companion Kits for Lifewise”

LifeWise StL is the sponsor agency for the Senior Companion Program in the St. Louis region. Its mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. The Senior Companion Program provides meaningful volunteer opportunities to individuals age 55 years or older. Through home and community visits, Senior Companion volunteers help isolated and frail older adults maintain the highest possible level of independent living. This program keeps many older adults out of institutions and in touch with their community.

This month we will collect items that can be provided to those clients visited by the Senior Companions. These are activities and some needed essentials. Please bring items from the list below to place in the basket in the welcome center:

Playing cards	Word search
colored pencils/	books
pencil	adult coloring
sharpener	books
magnifying	non-skid socks
glasses	tissues
Journals	Dice games
pens	large piece
hand sanitizer	puzzles
hand lotion	dominoes
large print	
books	

# United Women in Faith

## Faith - Action - Sisterhood



United  
Women  
in Faith

Monday April 1, 2024 is our next scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Open Door room on the upper level. The program will be the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. We will have light sandwiches for our dinner meal at 6:00 p.m. Bring chips and/or cookies to share.

The ReSell it Shoppe is having their Spring 25 Cent sale on April 6 and 11, 2024. Help is needed to set up on April 4, so come and help for an hour or so please if you are available.

Our next monthly meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2024.

### United Women in Faith Sunday

United Women in Faith Sunday was observed on Sunday, March 3, 2024, and included our Annual Candleburning Ceremony. The cost this year was \$11.23 per minute. This represents the amount of money needed to support mission work of the UWF around the world for one (1) minute. Thanks to your dedications we burned the candle for a little over 76 minutes and 20 seconds! This represented a total donation of \$857.14 to UWF Missions! The list of those individuals that were honored and remembered are included in this newsletter also. Thank you to all who donated this year!

### UWF Scholarship Available for College Attendees

St. Lukes UWF helps support our college bound students by offering a scholarship of \$500.00 each school year. Applications are available by calling the church office to request one be sent to you, or they can be picked up in the office. Complete and return the form to the office, and mark in care of UWF – Scholarship Committee. If you are attending college or will be in the fall, either full or part time, you are eligible to apply.

## FEED MY PEOPLE

*by Susan Wilhelms*

Greetings from Feed My People. Great things are happening in the next few months. The annual “Manna March” will be April 21st at Jefferson Barracks Park. In July, the “Chef’s Challenge” will be happening.

Feed My People is also bringing back their cookbook. If anyone has a recipe they would like to share please give it to me and I will submit it in your name. As usual, thank you for your generosity!

## Give-A-Meal-A-Month For Feed My People (Bring donations to the Collection Room off of Fellowship Hall)

### APRIL

#### 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)



**CANDLE BURNING 2024 RECOGNITION**

Cost of World Mission \$11.23/minute

Total Received \$857.14 = 76 minutes 20 seconds

**IN MEMORY OF****BY:**

~Jerry Bailey

Jean Bailey

~My Sister, Jennie Schuller

Our Mothers, Patricia Lenhart

Dorothy Jabusch

Sandie and Charlie Cowie

~My Mom, Millie Daniel

My Dad, Gene Daniel

My Grandpa, Elizabeth Daniel

My Grandpa, Henry Daniel

My Grandpa, Katie Krohn

My Grandpa, Nicholas Krohn

My Aunts, Toni Roser, Laurie Daniel, Joann Marquart

My Uncles, Greg Roser, Mike Krohn, Fred Marquart

Denise Daniel

~Wilma Rahmberg, beloved Mother, Mother-in-law

and Grandmother

Linda Driskell

~Bill Gillen

Janet Gillen

~Earl Lacy

Linda Lacy

~Art Lampe

Deb Lampe

~My Dad

My Grandparents

My Aunts, Sharon Norris, Mary Kitchen

My Uncle, Charlie Letchworth

Bryce Gamblin

George Wiesehan

Debbie Letchworth

~Jim Letchworth

Jim and Marceline Archey

Lloyd and Daisy Letchworth

Mary Kitchen

Sharon Norris

Pat Letchworth

~Elvin D. Lewis

Evelyn L. Lewis

~Martin McLafferty

Matias Avalos

Domini McLafferty

~My Dad, George Wiesehan

Sandy and John Newman

~Our Mothers, Eve Knefel

Betty Patterson

Jane Patterson

**IN MEMORY OF (cont'd)****BY:**

~My husband, Jim and my son, Jay

Dee Ryan

~My Parents, Lowell and Doris Gould

My Sister, JoAnne Davis

Shari Scott

~Saima Davis

Bryce Gamblin

Ron Main

Harding Twyman

George Wiesehan

St. Luke's UWF

~Alvin G. Thomas

Pat Thomas

~Grace Wyatt

Margaret Lexa Bowles

Dwight and Frances Wyatt

~Our Parents, Charles and Dorothy Laidley

Clarence and Mildred Zimmerman Bill and Bev Zimmerman

**IN HONOR OF****BY:**

~All the Women of the Church

Anonymous

~My Aunt, Gayle Krohn

My Cousin, Nicole Harms

My Friend, Lisa Walsh

My Sister, Christie

My Brother, Bob

Denise Daniel

~All the Maurine Abel Shoppe Volunteers

Deb Lampe

~My Mom

My Nephew, Ben on graduating from high school Debbie Letchworth

~Debbie Letchworth

Diane and Billy Trelford

Bob and Marie Letchworth

My Grandkids, Danielle, Josh, Annalise, Jimmy,

Ali, Hayden, Ben, and Jack

Pat Letchworth

~Our Parents, Joan Wiesehan

Bill and Sue Newman

Sandy and John Newman

~Kay Kerperien

Deb Lampe

Mary Porbeck

~My Incredible Daughter, Kathy, and Son-in-law, Billy

My Church Family

Dee Ryan

## UMM Spotlight *by John Newman*

### Bread of Life

*"I am the bread of life, He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." – John 6:35*

*"The heart of a man is restless until it finds rest in Thee." – St Augustine*

Our next event is the Family Fun Fishing Fair at Suson Park Spendler Pavilion and we need a minimum of 8 fishing helpers to help kids learn to fish (some for their first time). Please notify John Newman of your intention to be a helper. The day starts around 8:30 AM with setup. Participants may be there at any time after setup. Lunch is provided for all that attend – Hot Dogs, chips, Desserts, water, and Lemonade. We will also have Rods, Reels, and bait. Your help is necessary.

The St. Luke's UMM is meeting next on May 4, 2024, Joe Schneringer – President is inviting you to attend a Breakfast meeting and help with the planning of new events for 2024. We will also be doing some needed upkeep items around the church following the breakfast for about 2 hours. So please mark your calendar to attend our May meeting and remember **MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU.**

We are organizing a day at the Grizzlies Baseball Game for June 2nd with a first pitch time of 1:05 PM. Please contact a UMM Officer or the Office to get on the list we will be have forms available starting May 12th. Cost of the tickets is \$16.00 per person. Many of the church members have been at one of these games in the past and have commented that they had a very good time.

This year's Father's Day celebration on June 16th will be a little different. This Year, as in past years, we are asking for a \$5 per person that is being honored that will be forwarded to the Fathers and Families Organization. The UMM will be purchasing separately from our funds carnations that will be given out.

#### **Our 2024 calendar has the following highlights:**

April 27th – Family Fishing Fair at Suson Park – A Free event to all that attend.

May 4th – Breakfast Meeting

June 2nd – Grizzlies Baseball Game 1:05 PM (Time Correction)

June 16th – Father's Day Appreciation

**Please mark your calendars.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*9 AM & after  
worship service  
every Sunday*



Join us before and after the church service for Sunday School!

We have five classes to offer:

**Children ages 5 thru 11** meet in room 220 on the second floor of the Parkhurst building at 9 AM.

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

#### **Three adult classes -**

**The Seekers** meet in room 215/217 at 9 AM.

**The Open Door Class** meets in the Parlor (room 211) after the service.

**Stirring The Pot** meets downstairs in room 215/217 after the service.

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

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

# APRIL 2024

## ELECTION PG RESERVED

## PARKHURST GYM RESERVED—QUARTER SALE

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9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Fellowship 11am Sunday School	9am Quilters 10:30am AA Meeting 12:00pm Game Day 5:30pm PG RESERVED 6pm UMM/UMF Meeting 7:30pm AA Meeting	5:00am-7:00pm ELECTION 8:30am AA Meeting 10am AA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:30pm AA Meeting 8pm Handbells Practice	9am Piecemakers and Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30pm PG RESERVED 6pm AA Bookstudy 7pm NA Group	9:30am-3:30pm Re-Sell-It 6pm Praise Band 7:30pm Al anon Meeting	10am AA Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 7pm AA Meeting 8:30pm Square Dancing Decorating	10am AA Meeting 10am-2pm Re-Sell-It Shoppe 12pm Cub Scout Banquet
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# ST. LUKE'S FIRST SQUARE DANCE SHINDIG

*Dance in a square; Make a circle of friends*

**Saturday, April 27th**

Starting at 7 PM

**\$15 a ticket**

Bring your own munchies!

Reserve your tickets in advance so  
we know you're coming!

(314) 892-5595

*Ya'll will have a barrel of fun!*





## Healthy Ministries Team

Caring for others is an expression of what it means to be fully human.

Hillary Clinton

*"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."*

Philippians 2:4

It is so important for us to find a way to bring the church to those that are unable to be with us in person. Please try to reach out and connect with those we haven't seen for awhile by phone, cards or letters so they will know you are thinking of them and praying for them. That personal touch by one of their church family calling them or sending a card or letter adds that little extra reminder that they haven't been forgotten.

There are no April birthdays but, wouldn't it be wonderful for our homebound friends to get a spring notecard or letter or, even a phone call from someone in their St. Luke's family!

An updated list of the names, addresses, phone numbers and birthdates of all of our homebound friends is available from 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 have been unable to attend services in person, please let the office know that you have talked with them and how they are doing.***

## PRAYER LIST

Connie Laramie (is cancer free!)  
Family of DeRance Pittman

Tracy Spengler  
Joyce Urvater

Janean Little  
Marlene Loesekam  
Dot McCoy

Shannon Boone  
Family of Kathy Brummett  
Family of Ron Feddersen  
Family of Kim Bell  
Family of Bill Zimmerman  
Tippie Heimos  
Freya Koch  
Elisa Lahrman  
Patrick Loineburner  
Kathy McAow  
Eli Robinson  
Pastor David Scott

**ONGOING**  
Challie Allison  
Judy Aubuchon  
Tom Diekhaus  
Linda Driskell  
Jackie England  
Geoffrey Fasoldt  
Bridget Fischer  
Ashley Halker  
Althea Hart  
Dennis Ledgerwood  
Caroline Lewis

Anita Phillips  
Cheryl Rothe  
Charlie Smith  
Corey Tedrick  
Renee Wieggers  
Georgia Wymer

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/2** Connor Vennemann  
**4/3** Nate Henson  
**4/6** Mary Porbeck, Colleen Sanderson  
**4/7** Linda Lacy  
**4/8** Dwight Wyatt  
**4/9** Barbara Klocke  
**4/11** Karen Feddersen  
**4/13** Willie Rolan Sr.  
**4/17** Bob Munroe  
**4/19** Ken Schmidt  
**4/20** Pat Lechworth  
**4/21** Michelle Gregory, Shirl O'Mara  
**4/25** Cailyn Hickman  
**4/26** James Harris  
**4/29** Pam Fournier  
**4/30** Andrew Ode, Joann Ruble, Beth Thurau

## THANK YOU NOTES

My dear friends of St. Lukes,

I just wanted to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards, memorials, and prayers during this difficult time of Ron's passing. Your visits and phone calls helped our family through this time. Our special thanks to Dr. Gillen for his visits, prayers and thoughtful service at the funeral home. Your friendship will never be forgotten.

Thank you all again,

Barb Main  
 Brian and Renee Main and family  
 Mylene and Joe Huskey and family

To our St. Luke's family:

We want you to know how much we appreciated all your support and thoughtfulness during Bill's illness and at his passing. Thanks to the Piecemakers for all their cards, the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl, to those who prepared and served a wonderful luncheon, and for the many cards and expressions of concern.

Thank you Pastor Mike, for your visits and help during this time.

Sincerely,

The Zimmerman Family

## APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/21** - John & Sandy Newman

SUSON PARK - SPINDLER SHELTER

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

**ST. LUKE'S  
FAMILY FISHING  
OUTING**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024  
8 AM - 4 PM**

NO COST TO PARTICIPANTS!  
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A  
RESPONSIBLE ADULT AT ALL TIMES!

LUNCH PROVIDED: HOTDOGS, CHIPS, DRINKS,  
AND DESSERT

Contact the church office at  
314-892-5595 with questions.

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# Hawaiian Shirt Sunday

Wear a Hawaiian shirt to worship on the 4th Sundays!



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Need Prayer?  
*We are here for you.*

*Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.* | Peter 5:7 (NLT)

*If you are in need of prayer, our Prayer Room is always open. You may use it to pray privately or one of our prayer warriors will be glad to pray with you.*



When we pray for others, **GOD** listens to you and blesses them. **SO** when you are safe and happy, **Remember** that someone is praying for you.

## **MAURINE ABEL RE-SELL-IT SHOPPE QUARTER SALE**

**Gym Saturday, April 6**  
9:00am - 2:00 pm

**Gym Thursday, April 11**  
9:00am - Noon

If anyone would be able to help during any part of the setup on Thursday, April 4, 10:00am or to help pack up and/or take down on Thursday, April 11, noon, we would be grateful. Please ask Kay or Deb if you have any questions.



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

*Address Service Requested*

**Church Office: 314-892-5595**

*DATED MATERIAL*

**10AM Worship Service**

Service is recorded and posted onto the St. Luke's  
YouTube Page at 11:30 every Sunday.

**Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mike Gillen**

**Cell Phone: 314-947-0072**

**Executive Assistant: Stacy McGlasson**

**Treasurer: Cheryl Rothe**

**Music Director: Tom Schmidt**

**Minister of Worship: Rev. Bruce Walker**



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