

St Luke's UMC Telegraph

JULY/AUGUST 2023

NEWSLETTER



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St. Luke's family:

I'm looking forward to beginning my time as pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. In this first newsletter article I'm going to tell you a little about myself and describe the first steps I'll take as your pastor.

I grew up in the Baptist church and discerned a call to ministry in high school. I began preaching and serving the local church in college. After seminary I was ordained in a Virginia Baptist church in 1994. In 2009, my family and I moved to Missouri and I began serving United Methodist churches. I pastored three churches in the Bowling Green parish for five and a half years before being moved to Cornerstone in O'Fallon, where I served for nine years.

My wife, Pam, and I have been married for 29 years. Pam is a senior compliance consultant at Wells Fargo Advisors. We have two children. Our son, Trevor, graduated this year from McKendree University and will begin a master's degree in the fall at the same school. Our daughter, Jessica, is a sophomore at Missouri State University.

In addition to spending time with my family, I enjoy sports, good food, listening to music, and reading. I'm a native of Kansas City and love the Chiefs. I'm also a convert to the Cardinal Way, so I'm praying for our Cards! I also root for the Blues and the new STL City SC soccer team.

My philosophy of ministry starts with a simple idea: ministry is all about connections. I'm looking forward to meeting with St. Luke's staff, volunteer teams and committees, and everyone who worships and serves God at St. Luke's.

One of the most important ways for me to get to connect to you will be the "Coffee with Pastor Mike" and "Dessert with Pastor Mike" meet-and-greet events. I'm hoping for 100% participation from every active member and attendee of the church. These introductory events will help me to learn about the church and develop a pastoral relationship with you.

My office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please call or email the office if you'd like to meet with me one-on-one. I'll also prioritize time away from the office, getting out into the community to connect with civic groups and local leaders.

I'm praying for you and believing that God will bless this new chapter in St. Luke's ministry. I look forward to meeting you this summer.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike Gillen

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the music department for the past choir season. You did an awesome job! The music you provided every Sunday is a testament to your talent and commitment to the church. You are all such amazing and wonderful people to work with. I am proud of you and am privileged to provide an important and vital ministry to the congregation at St. Luke's and the online community. I would like to give an extra thanks for the music you provided for Pastor David's last in-person service. I heard many compliments about it. Speaking of David, I would also like to thank him for his time and talent that he gave to the music ministry, especially with his singing back in the bass section. You will be missed! I wish the best to you and Lori as you head into retirement.

Thank you to the Praise Team who will continue the music ministry until the next choir season. Speaking of which, Chancel Choir and Bell Choir rehearsal begin on Tuesday, August 22nd. Chancel Choir starts at 6:30 P.M. and rehearses until 8:00 P.M. The Bell Choir rehearses from 8:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. Hope to see you then. If you, or anyone you know who would be interested in joining either of these groups, please let me know.

Have a relaxing summer,

Tom Schmidt,

Music Director

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP *by Jean Bailey*

The next two Grief Luncheons will be July 3rd, at 12 noon at Crusoe's South at Telegraph and Baumgartener and August 7th, at Frankie G's on Telegraph and Yeager at 12 noon. Come join the good times we have. If you or anyone you know has lost a loved one, you are more than welcome to join us. Please call Jean Bailey at 314-660-2912 with any questions.

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 FOCUS

Lord, this house of worship is a place of healing for those who enter broken by life and in need of repair. This house of worship is a place of faith for those who come full of overpowering doubt. This house of worship is a place of prayer, offering stillness and words of faith when our own beliefs lack a voice. All you who gather here, come with gratitude. Enter into this sanctuary with thanksgiving and open your hearts to the possibility of a life restored and made new, for God's love makes all things new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

INVITABLE EVENTS

Weekly

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9AM**
- **SEW N' SEWS:** Mondays, 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**
Wednesdays, 12 PM

Bi-Weekly

- **PIECEMAKERS QUILT GROUP**
Wednesday, Jul 5th & 19th
Aug 2nd & 16th

Monthly

- **GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON**
Jul 3rd—12 Noon
at Crusoe's South
Aug 7—12 Noon
at Frankie G's

VITAL STATISTICS

St. Luke's 2023:

Average Worship

Attendance

71 On Campus

35 Online Engagements

STEWARDSHIP GOALS:

2023 Apportionment

Goals for Missions

Goal = \$46,386

Paid YTD = \$20,000

2023 Breakthrough

Building Fund

Goal = \$468,757 Loan

Balance

Paid YTD = \$16,254 Principle

Paid YTD = \$12,006 Interest

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

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

JULY

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

AUGUST

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)

Sale! Sale! Sale!

Maurine Abel
Re-Sell-Shop
.25 Cent Sale

Saturday, August 5th

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 10

9:00 am - noon

If anyone would like to help, we'll be setting up on Thursday, August 3, at 9:30 am and packing up leftover items on Thursday, August 10, at noon. Please let Kay or Deb know if you're available.
THANK YOU!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes available for all 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!

Piecemakers:

We have had several very busy months with lots of projects in work. Please let us know if we can help you with the purchase of a quilt or if you would like to join in piecing quilt tops. We will take a short break early July due to vacations and VBS. Therefore, we will only meet on Wednesday, July 25. It is too early to make plans for August. There will be shop hops and the possible need for a local road trip.

Stewardship is about good priorities *by Pamela Jones*

Jesus taught, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” **-Luke 12:32**

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our character strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents and skills we may possess, and so much more.

Biblical stewardship invites us to use all these gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God’s benefit, but for ours. We are the ones who benefit when we invest ourselves, our time and our possessions in ways that are in sync with God’s purposes.

The more we align our lives with God’s purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become. And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Pick an area of your life that you’d like to align with God’s purposes. Maybe your relationships? Your money? How about your time?

Then, honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using that gift? Talk it over with your pastor or prayer partner. Ask God to give you insight and to reveal your blind spots. Pray for guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it’s so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God’s purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy.

A message from the Finance Team

Don’t let your offerings take a holiday

Ahhh, summer! A time to relax and grab much-needed R & R. Vacations and weekend getaways may keep you away from church, but our congregation is still bustling with activity and the bills never take a summer holiday. It’s enormously helpful to the congregation’s balance sheet if your gifts, tithes, and offerings continue to come in regularly, even if you are away. Here are some ideas for staying current:

Pay in advance: Plan ahead by offering more in the weeks in advance of your time away from church.

Make it up: When you return, give a little more in the weeks that follow.

Use your envelopes: Here’s a tip that’s good not only for summer, but year-round: If you use giving envelopes and checks, simply prepare them weeks in advance and bring them to church when convenient.

Use banking bill pay: Most online banking services will write and send checks for you. Just plug in the church address, the amount of the gift, and how often you want it sent. Viola! You’re done!

Enroll in electronic giving: Regularize your gift, tithe, or offering by using our online giving option – Tithe.ly

Give monthly or quarterly: Sometimes it’s hard to anticipate how many Sundays you’ll be away from church. Planning your gift, tithe, or offering for monthly or quarterly can keep you current.

Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year through. Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives of faith are enriched, and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity.

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!



(As of 6/3/2023)

Contributions:

General Fund and some special dedicated accounts	\$103,833	Income (General Fund):	\$ 128,182
Building Fund	\$14,335	Expenses (Staff and Operating Funds)	\$ 170,209
Window Fund	\$61,000	Difference	\$ (42,027)

Monthly general fund contributions not covering monthly expenses.

Building loan – Paid \$16254 on the principle thru May – current value: \$468,756.

Building Fund Balance: \$88,471

Building Loan Expenses YTD		Building Fund Contributions	
Principal	\$ 16,254	Total YTD Contributions	\$ 14,335
Interest	\$ 12,006	Avg. Monthly Contributions	\$ 2,867.00
Total	\$ 28,260	<i>Monthly contributions to the building fund are not covering the monthly expenses.</i>	

VBS: Hero Hotline by Coordinators Beth Thurau and Domini McLafferty

At Hero Hotline VBS, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up!

Hero Verse: So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up- Romans 14:19

July 17-21, 2023 9 am to 12 pm- Register at

<https://tinyurl.com/stlumcvbs23>

Questions can be directed to vbs@stlukesumsmo.org or the Church Office at 314-892-5595

-Volunteers are needed- Please contact Beth Thurau for information on helping make VBS a success! bethnewman86@gmail.com or 314-488-1186



PRAYER REQUESTS

While we are in transition between Pastor David retiring and Pastor Mike's arrival, please contact Shari Scott at the church office during working hours with your prayer requests or you may continue to fill out the yellow prayer cards in church on Sunday.

If you have an urgent prayer request or need a prayer chain call made when the office is closed you can contact Shari at (636) 215-4780 until Pastor Mike starts on July 1st. His office cell number is (314) 947-0072.

Need Prayer? we are here for you.



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.

"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

JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	<p>9a.m. Worship service 4:30 - 6:30p.m. Basketball</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED—INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> <p>10a.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. PG Reserved 7:30p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>9a.m. Piecemakers 6p.m. AA Bookstudy 7p.m. NA Group</p>	<p>6 9a.m. Prayer Shawls 9:30a.m.-3:30pm Re-Sell-It Shoppe 12p.m. Game Day 5:30 p.m. PG RESERVED</p>	<p>7 8:30a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m. AA Meeting 7p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 8a.m. UMM Breakfast 10a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. Re-Sell-It Shoppe</p>
9	<p>10 9a.m. Quilters 10:30a.m. AA Meeting 6p.m. PG RESERVED 6:30p.m. TSF Team 7:30p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>11 10a.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. PG Reserved 7:30p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>12 6p.m. AA Bookstudy 7p.m. NA Group</p>	<p>13 9a.m. Prayer Shawls 9:30a.m.-3:30pm Re-Sell-It shoppe 12p.m. Game Day 5:30 p.m. PG RESERVED</p>	<p>14 8:30a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m. AA Meeting 7p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>15 10a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. Re-Sell-It Shoppe</p>
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23	<p>9a.m. Worship Service 4:30 - 6:30p.m. Basketball</p>	<p>25 10a.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. PG Reserved 7:30p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>26 6p.m. AA Bookstudy 7p.m. NA Group</p>	<p>27 9a.m. Prayer Shawls 9:30a.m.-3:30pm Re-Sell-It Shoppe 12p.m. Game Day 5:30p.m. PG RESERVED</p>	<p>28 8:30a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m. AA Meeting 7p.m. AA Meeting</p>	<p>29 10a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. Re-Sell-It Shoppe</p>
30	<p>9a.m. Worship Service 10:30a.m. Fifth Sunday Potluck 4:30 - 6:30p.m. Basketball</p>	<p>9a.m. Quilters 10:30a.m. AA Meeting 6p.m. PG RESERVED 7:30p.m. AA Meeting</p>				
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AUGUST 2023

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UMM SPOTLIGHT by John Newman

Christian Men are Authentic

“But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been in the sight of GOD.” – John 3:21

Our July meeting will be on Saturday July 8, 2023 in Parkhurst Multipurpose Room at 9:00 AM for **Breakfast** with a Speaker to talk about Jefferson Barracks History. Afterward we may have a friendly game of Corn Hole (or as some of us remember it, Bean Bag).

The UMM **SMOKED PORK Sales** are in and we have only 10 units to cook.

Father’s Day June 18, 2023

On Sunday, July 30th at 6:30 PM St. Luke’s UMM is organizing the Family Day at the Grizzlies Baseball game. Advanced Tickets will be a cost of \$14.00 each, please place your order (in the envelope for this event) for the tickets you want as soon as possible with any UMM member or through the church office.

JUNE CALENDAR

July 8th – UMM Breakfast,

July 30th – Grizzlies Baseball – St. Luke’s Family Day

Please mark your calendars.

United Women in Faith

July – August 2023 News



United
Women
in Faith

The next big thing is coming!

ReSell-It Shoppe Quarter Sale –

Everything in the Gym is only 25 Cents! Can you believe that! And it is next Month! It will be held **Saturday, August 5, and Thursday, August 10, 2023**. Mark your calendar for the great bargains! Come early for the best selection! Tell your friends!

Helping hands are needed with set up in the gym before the sale, during the sale days, and during take down at the end. It is a big event and lots of extra hands are needed. Contact Deb Lampe or Kay Kerperien if you have some time to help – any amount of time is greatly appreciated!

Special Meeting in August!

We will have our monthly United Women in Faith meeting on **August 28, 2023** at 6:00p.m. (This serves as our September meeting due to the holiday.) This meeting is open to all members of the church - both men and women. We will have a meal prior starting at 6:00 p.m., then a special program at 7:00 p.m. Watch for more details about the program.

THANK YOU

Dear St. Luke’s Family,

Lori and I wanted to share our deep appreciation for the outpouring of cards, gifts, and well wishes as we move to Springfield to begin our retirement adventure. Your generosity and love have blessed us in so many ways. Our thanks for all the musicians who made our last Sunday on campus a special memory that we will cherish. I sincerely appreciate the tireless efforts of our Wednesday quilters group that worked for weeks on a beautiful quilt that was given to us at our retirement celebration. What a joy to gather with all my family, friends, and church family. I thank everyone who attended and who helped to organize such a beautiful retirement party!

St. Luke’s UMC will hold a special place in our hearts and my prayers will continue to be with you in the years ahead. Lori and I will be living at 1413 N. Fenchurch Lane, Springfield, MO. 65802 and will be cheering for you and your ministries for the cause of Christ.

Thanks for everything,

Pastor David & Lori Scott

PRAYER LIST

14 DAYS

Ronni Bone
Christine Campbell
Pastor Mike & Pam Gillen
Karen Holtkamp
Pastor David & Lori Scott
Maisy June Thompson

Terri Hiene
Gilda Lahrman
Mae McAdow
Sue Newman
Willy Newman
John Peckham
Cheryl Rothe
Larry Snelson
Laura Widman
Judy Aubuchon
Geoffrey Fasoldt
Bridget Fischer
Keith Kemper
Barb Krull
Dennis Ledgerwood
Carolina Lewis
Marlene Loesekam
Jesse McNabb & Family
Bill Zimmerman

15+ DAYS

Challie Allison
Carol Baitinger
Kelly Barbaro
David Bourgreau
Denise Daniel
Family & Friends of Lee
Maloney
Family & Friends of Shirley
Wiesehan
Ashley Halker
Owen Halverson

BOOK CLUB

This group is sponsored by UWF but, all women and men are welcome. Please join us for some good fellowship and discussion. We will meet on **Monday, June 26th at 7pm in the Caldwell Library (room 211).**

The book we will discuss is:



BEFORE WE WERE YOURS by Lisa Wingate

A 2017 *New York Times* bestseller, Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours* is a haunting and compelling work of historical fiction told in polyvocal form with two alternating principle voices narrating a story of complex family history. From chapter to chapter, the book goes back and forth between present day South Carolina (in settings of Southern power and prestige) and Tennessee in the late 1930s and early 1940s (in settings of squalor and abuse). In attempting to map out a family's history, the novel also reads as an engaging mystery with a smart, soulful young lawyer leading the detective work, hunting to learn the full truth of her now senile grandmother's life.

Copies of the book are available for sign out in the church office. There is a sign-up sheet with the books. Books must be returned no later than the meeting night. If all of the books are checked out, you can check with the St. Louis County Library to see if there is a copy available. Hope to see you on Monday June 26th at 7pm!

Monthly Mission July/August 2023

For the months of July and August we will be collecting items for making **Missouri Youth Personal Care Packs** for the Festival of Sharing. These are for youth ages 12-18 who have experienced a crisis and who have been placed in state care or are experiencing homelessness. Below is a list of the items that will be included in the kits. There will be a board in the Welcome Center that contains the list and slips of paper you can take to remind you what you want to purchase.

We have a goal of making 20 or more kits. The value of the kit is estimated at \$35.00. We will assemble these in September.

Note: many of these items are Travel Size

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 chapstick | 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (3 oz.) |
| 1 washcloth | 1 toothbrush |
| 1 deodorant | 1 travel size toothpaste |
| 3 ink pens | 1 travel size lotion |
| 1 journal | 1 comb or brush |
| 1 travel size shampoo | 1 travel size conditioner |
| 1 box medicated facial cleansing pads (ie: Stridex) | |
| 1 fleece throw (approx. 50"x60") | |

RADA KNIFE FUND RAISER: UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

RADA information will be available in office. For best service and quickest shipping, go on-line to www.RadaFundraising.com to place your order. Our group name is ST LUKES UMW. To take advantage of the current pricing, order prior to August 1 – the rates go up that day.

SHOP & SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

www.RadaFundraising.com

Please search for our group name:

ST LUKES UMW

More than 100 exceptional products priced under \$15!



Thank
You!



FORDER NEWS

It's June, and we are in the middle of collecting supplies for 36 Forder School Backpacks. We are asking for a \$45 donation to fill each backpack with items needed. The provided photo shows an example of items requested by the 1st grade. Every grade has a different request list. It's easier to buy items on-line or when we see them on sale. If you check the collection room you will see items we bought on sale after school started last year + contributions given to us.

June 1st - Aug. 8th - Collection Project


August 10th (Thursday) - 10:00 a.m. - We need 4-5 packers to assemble backpacks at church. Takes little over an hour. They will be delivered the next day.

August 17th (Thursday) - Forder "Meet the Teacher Night and BBQ" - 5:30-7:30 - need volunteers to cook dogs at church, servers, face painters, and other helpers to serve at Forder.

August 22nd (Tuesday) - School Starts.



If you would like to contribute, make sure you put FORDER on your check or on the contribution envelope.

Thank you all for supporting Forder and have a good summer. -Jane



FORDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2023-2024
FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST

OPEN AND LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH A PERMANENT MARKER

<p>Please Open & Label Everything</p> <p>School backpack #2 Lead Sharpened Ticonderoga pencils ONLY, (other brands do no sharpen in our pencil sharpeners, (2 boxes of 20) (NO mechanical pencils, please) Glue - White only 8 Glue sticks 4 Erasers 1 Scissor - pointed 2 Boxes of Crayons (24 count) 2 Coloring Books (used for indoor recess) 2 Package of Broadline (fat) Classic Colored Markers 8 Fat dry erase markers 1 Package of multicolored pens (4 count, any color) 2 Poly (Plastic) two pocket folder (no paper folders) 2 Three prong PLASTIC folder - one has to be RED Small school box (for inside your desk to keep pencils, crayons, etc.) 1 Bottle of sanitizer with pump 2 Boxes of Kleenex 1 Roll of paper towels 1 Container disinfecting wipes 1 Reusable water bottle - <i>Student provides</i> 1 Headphone for Chromebooks</p>	<p>Wish List Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Gallon size Ziploc bags • 1 Quart size Ziploc bags • White Board Care Cleaning Wipes <p>We are trying to prevent the spread of Covid and the stomach bug. We would appreciate these donations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lysol Disinfectant Spray II Or Clorox's hydrogen peroxide wipes/spray</p> <p><i>The product has to say kills norovirus</i></p> <p>(This is not regular Lysol spray. You can purchase at Lowes, Home Depot, Office supply stores, online, sometimes Walgreens and Walmart.)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
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Art Class Supply List

Please pack in a separate bag marked Art Supplies with student names.

1st-2nd Grade
1 Pkg baby wipes
1 Box of tissues
1 Art shirt - *Student Provides*

Art shirts will be kept in their home classroom.

Report on MODOT 231 Meeting On May 22, 2023 At Café Telegraph By John Newman

Missouri Department of Transportation held a second 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. The meeting was for the public to be made aware of the scope of work and to give their thoughts on work that would be important 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 present were Griff and Tammy Caldwell. 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 3 - 11 x 17 street sections that showed the current status of State Route 231 with dimensions of current driving lanes, sidewalks, and biking spaces. These sections were to be used with optional strips of alternate spacing's for driving lanes (10 ft., 11 ft., and 12 ft.), biking spaces, sidewalks, and buffer spaces. The attendees were broken up into three groups and asked to make suggestions to revise the spacing of the total roadway and stay within the current restrictions of the existing roadway. We were also asked to give our thoughts on where additional crosswalks should be located, and that bus stops should be located near these crosswalks.

I again brought up the issue of the constant flow of storm water off of Telegraph Road onto the far North end of our property near our parking Lot. This has caused severe ruts in this area and down the hill toward the Detention Basin. Storm water runoff has also caused several areas of the hillside along the East side of the parking lot to start sliding. This deterioration occurs because sidewalk in this area is below the roadway and the existing curb (what's left of it) is setting on top of the curb. This is allowing the roadway water to flow right onto our property. Another concern we have experienced is vehicles making a left turn on to our property have been rear ended by another car.

Anyone can go on the MODOT website (www.modot.org or 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.



Healthy Ministries Team

"So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs

to all the others." Romans 12:5

It's so hard to believe that 2023 is half over already!

We need to continually think of ways to reach out and connect with our church family. 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 or, don't forget about those you are used to seeing at church that you haven't seen in 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.

We have several among our homebound friends that will be celebrating birthdays in July. There are no August birthdays. I'm sure they would appreciate a card or a phone call.

Joan Wiesehan 07/02/1934

George Wiesehan 07/08/1931

Saima Davis 07/14/1920

Saima will be 103 years old!!!

Barbara Twyman 07/25/1953

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.

A message from Feed My People

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No Reservations Needed

Service is live streamed every Sunday via
Facebook.

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



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 06/25 Work With Me People!

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 07/30 Fruitfulness

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