

St Luke's UMC Telegraph MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Pastor David's Doodles

On Sunday, April 2nd, the announcement was made that Bishop Farr and the Missouri Cabinet have made a new appointment that the Rev. Dr. Michael Gillen will be sent to St. Luke's United Methodist church to serve as your Senior Pastor beginning July 1st, 2023. For some of you that are reading this newsletter article, this may be a bit of a shock. Lori and I have enjoyed being your pastor's family since July 2018 and believe that there is plenty of evidence that God has accomplished great things in the life of the church over these past five years. I will be retiring after nineteen years of full-time ministry and appreciate your continued prayers during this time of transition.

Change is sometimes a difficult thing to begin to understand. I love the #1 Best Seller book by Dr. Spencer Johnson entitled, "Who Moved My Cheese." To date, Spencer Johnson's total sales for all his books combined equal 40 million copies in 42 languages. Before Cheese, Johnson was already a best-selling author; he co-wrote the business classic *The One Minute Manager* with Ken Blanchard. It was Blanchard, among other friends, who urged Johnson to write *Cheese* after hearing him recite its story at social gatherings. Johnson begins by saying he underwent a personal crisis having to do with change and his response to it, which generated profound and perhaps singular self-insight. It speaks to his character that, rather than reveal the personal details of whatever he went through, he instead created a teaching parable about his experiences.

"Who Moved My Cheese" is the allegorical tale of two industrious mice named Sniff and Scurry and two overly cautious "little people" named Hem and Haw who live together in a maze. When the four friends lose the cheese supply they depended on for sustenance and security, the mice move on in pursuit of new fortune while Hem and Haw remain stuck in their old ways. They find what appears to be a lifetime supply of "cheese" and settle down. But the cheese runs out, and the characters must face and cope with change.

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As the story progresses, Haw comes to accept the loss of the cheese and moves on, leaving Hem behind to obsess over what is long gone. Haw leaves words of encouragement along the way in hopes that Hem will step out of his comfort zone and pursue a new future. Haw is eventually successful at finding a source of cheese even more abundant than the first. The story ends with his hope that Hem may eventually find him.

Sometimes we act like Sniff, who sniffs out change early, or like Scurry, who scurries into action, or like Hem, who denies and resists change as he fears it will lead to something worse, or like Haw, who learns to adapt in time when he sees changing can lead to something better! All of us need to find our way in the “maze” of life and succeed in changing times that we face.

I hope that you will continue to focus on the bright future of St. Luke’s UMC! New leadership will bring new opportunities, new vision, and new beginnings for our church family. I believe that God is still at work even if the changes seem uncomfortable at the time. As we continue to lean upon our faith, everything will work out for the best. The scripture in Romans 8:28 reminds us that “we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

Your prayers and friendships have enriched our lives, and as we leave in mid-June, please know that you will all be treasured as a vital part of the journey of ministry that we have traveled together during our time in St. Louis. May God bless and keep all of you in the days ahead.

Pastor David Scott

YOU ARE INVITED

Sunday, April 30th after church will be our next Fifth Sunday Potluck. This potluck is sponsored by the United Methodist Men. Bring your favorite dish to accompany some delicious smoked pork!

PIECEMAKERS by Karen Anderson

We will meet on May 3,10,17,24, & 31. While working on a group project, we are learning about safety with a rotary cutter, working on getting our points right and discussing the difference of ironing vs pressing on a wool mat. Anyone who would like to learn more about quilting or just “socializing”, please join us on Wednesdays at 9:00. If you need a gift, consider a handmade quilt. See us for sale quilts.

PRAYER FOCUS

No matter the situation, no matter the problem, no matter the trouble, God is always with us. God is always ready and willing to receive us, redeem us, renew us, restore us, refresh us and rebirth us now and always! Yes, most certainly on Easter but every day as well! Awesome God, your steadfast love endures always. As we celebrate the promise of Easter, remind us that our lives can and will be totally transformed, just as the disciples were on that first Easter. Help us to savor the mighty power of this Resurrection Day; in our risen Lord. 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
- **PIECEMAKERS QUILT GROUP**
Wednesdays, 9 AM
- **GAME DAY**
Wednesdays, 12 PM

Monthly

- **GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON**
April 3rd —12 Noon
at Three Kings
- **FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK**
April 30th, 10:30 AM
Parkhurst Gym

VITAL STATISTICS

St. Luke’s 2023:

**Average Worship
Attendance
70 On Campus
38 Online Engagements**

OFFERING:

**2023 Apportionment Goals for
Mission
\$46,386
\$8,000 paid YTD**

**Breakthrough
Building Fund YTD
\$9,882**

**Building Loan Principle Owed
\$476,090**

**Interest Paid on
Building Loan
\$7,339**

UMM SPOTLIGHT John Newman

DO NO WRONG

Exodus 23:2 "You must not do wrong just because everyone else is doing it."

The truth is, wrong is wrong, and right is not to be compromised just because everyone else does. Our values, our morals, or rules for life come from God.

Our May meeting will be on Monday May 1, 2023 in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM with a meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. After the meeting we will move to the Welcome Center for a friendly game of Corn Hole, or as us older folks use to call it, Bean Bag.

Mark your calendar to attend the UMM sponsored Family Fishing Fair at Suson County Park on the 29th of April. We will be starting the day off at 9:30-10:00 for fishing and will be serving a lunch of hot dogs, chips, water & lemonade, and packaged deserts. There will be some bait available if you do not remember to bring your own. We will also have some rod/reel setups available for loan to those that do not have fishing equipment, and there will be church members available to those that need tips in learning to fish. Some lucky youngster between the ages of 5 to 15 will receive a Rod/Reel fishing combo as an attendance prize that will be drawn at 3:00 PM.

As a result of our March meeting we have decided to revise our Pork Butt sales to be called **Smoked Pork**. This is only a Name change, the meat is the same quality and flavor that many of you have received in the past. We urge you to get your orders in as soon as possible and the order forms will be available in the Welcome Center and in the office. There is a change in the ordering procedure, Fill out the form, Attach your cash or check to the form, and the forms will then be placed in the UMM mailbox in the office. You will still have the option of getting the Smoked Pork as a whole or quartered and wrapped for immediate use or for your freezer. The cost at this time is anticipated to be \$40.00 per whole unit but refer to the printed order form for the final cost. Please do not put your order payment with your regular giving to the church for the UMM accounting purposes.

It's time to think of remembering our fathers or those that are a father figure to us. The UMM will again this year be offering the chance for church members to honor the men that have been in your lives on Father's Day June 18, 2022. For a suggested donation of \$ 5.00 minimum for each honored father figure we will have a carnation setting on the Alter in remembrance of your father figure(s) that helped influence your life. The related family can take the Carnation(s) home after the service. The money collected will then go to the Fathers & Family Support Center as it has in the past, they have a wonderful track record of helping individuals to be supportive to their families. There is a change in the process this year, Fill out the form, Attach your cash or check to the form, and the forms will then be placed in the **UMM mailbox** in the office. Please do not put your donation with your regular giving to the church for the UMM accounting purposes. The UMM is trying something new to get men involved with what the UMM is all about and how we can help our church. On June 3rd we will be hosting a Saturday morning breakfast for the men of the church to get to know the UMM at St. Luke's. We have done many things for the church, but more important we are looking for thoughts that others may bring to us. We hope to engage more men in helping our group thrive and help our church and its members.

The 2023 calendar has the following upcoming events;

April 29th - Fishing Fair,

June 3rd - UMM Breakfast,

June 16th - Pork Butt Fundraiser,

June 18th - Father's Day Appreciation,

Please mark your calendars.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP by Jean Bailey

Grief Luncheon will be meeting on May 1st at noon at Fitz's on Lindbergh. We had 11 at April's luncheon which included one new person. Welcome Tim Butler. Any questions please call Jean Bailey at 314-660-2912

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

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

APRIL

Main Menu

Boxed Whole Grain Pasta (Penne, Spaghetti, etc.)
Canned Tomato or Pasta Sauce
Any Canned Vegetable
Any Canned Fruit/Applesauce
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

FISH FRY SUCCESS: By Mike Vennemann

Thank you to everyone who helped make the St Luke's 2023 Fish Fry a success. Although we had 2 fry's that were slow due to weather and 1 that fell on St Patrick's Day, it was still an overall success. All the fish, sides and desserts were delicious. The newly organized on-line and carry out worked well, and the customers shared a lot compliments. It was good to get back to dine-in and back to normal again. The addition of Scout Troop 473 was an unexpected bonus. They have eagerly agreed to return next year. That has proven to be a successful partnership.

There are way too many names and so many task completed every week to mention, but no one's hard work went unnoticed. It is amazing how it all comes together. So THANK YOU everyone.

I hope everyone enjoys their night off this coming Friday. You all deserve a night out and a pat on the back. You are all very dedicated and gifted in so many ways, and there in lies the success of the fish fry.

Lastly, we were sorry to lose another member of the ff team recently. Sheila Walters (CRUSTY) contributed so much to our success through the years. She and her smile are missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Vern and the rest of the family.

GOD MOMENT by Chris Mehigh

I want to thank all for your prayers and calls after I was hospitalized for a night late last week with a stroke-like TIA. Two of my favorite St. Luke's buddies even stopped by to make sure I was ok, Tammy Caldwell and Susie Wilhelms and they really brightened my day and got me laughing (as usual for us!). They also assured me, as did Rhonda Feurtado (a new buddy!) that everyone was praying for me at St. Luke's too, and Mary Henson was kind enough to activate the prayer chain. I've had calls and messages of concern from many. I was released Saturday at noon. The entire time my husband Rick was there and my incredible daughter Emily is the one who took such good care of me and took me quickly to the hospital. Both would not leave me until we had some imaging results. The nurses and doctors were fabulous and took amazing care of me as well.

If that isn't enough of what Jesus taught us about caring for others, that night I had a vivid dream. In the dream I went to the windows in the back of my house and looked out. Every tree, every shrub in my big backyard was covered with blooming red roses! It was a breathtaking and beautiful sight! The roses were all in bloom and were swaying in the gentle breeze. Normally as a scientist I question everything, but not in this dream. I remember deciding to accept this experience and drink in all of the beauty around me. I woke up in tears and realized that the love and care I badly needed was very much present in my life. God has truly blessed me with my church family, family and friends. He has also blessed me with a wake up call about my health, a call I will not ignore any longer. Love you all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have classes available for all ages!

All classes meet following Worship and fellowship time each Sunday.

Children ages 5 thru 11—Noah's Ark Kids meet in room 220 on the second floor of the Parkhurst building.

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

Two adult classes—The Seekers meet in room 215/217

The Open Door class meets in the Parlor (room 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!

St. Luke's Homebound Members

Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents

Saima Davis

16216 Autumn View Ter. #108b
Ellisville, MO 63011

(314) 277-5948 (cell)

Birthday 07/14/1920

(Send all mail except cards to her daughter Carol's House)

827 Bergquist Dr.

Manchester, MO 63011-4125

Tippie Heimos

(Use for visits only)

Stillwater Senior Living

1111 University Dr #149

Edwardsville, IL 62025-5591

Birthday 12/27/1937

(Continue to send Mail to Tippie at her daughter Susie's house)

3410 Wilderness Dr.

Edwardsville, IL 62025-3192

(618) 604-0021 (Susie's #)

Joan Wiesehan

5300 Butler Hill Rd. Rm 435A

St. Louis, MO 63128

(314) 334-9817

Birthday 07/02/34

At Home Residents

Betty Cullen

7010 Broken Oak

St. Louis, MO 63129-3908

(314) 846-6581

George Wiesehan

825 Camborne St, St. Louis,
MO 63125

(314) 544-2336

Birthday - 07/08/31

David Kaufman

12335 West Bend Dr. #357

St. Louis, MO. 63128

(314) 828-0319

Birthday 01/28/1958

Alma Parker

12335 West Bend Dr. #134

St. Louis, MO 63128-5100

(314) 722-3664

Birthday 06/25/1927

Harding & Barbara Twyman

10954 Kennerly Rd. Rm
108

St. Louis, MO 63128-2018

(850) 624-0918 (Barb's
Cell)

Birthdays

Harding - 04/06/1943

Barbara - 07/25/1953

Doris Elliott

2535 Oakmont Ter. #237

St. Louis, MO 63129-4744

(314) 375-7177

Birthday 6/16/1933

Jim Monken

2559 Rolens Dr

St. Louis, MO 63129-3314

(314) 892-9264

Birthday 11/5/1936

UWF CORNER

by Sandy Newman



United
Women
in Faith

UWF Corner - May 2023

May 1, 2023 is our next scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Open Door room on the upper level. This is our last meeting until August as we take a break for summer. We are hosting the meal for the UMM and UWF at 6:00 p.m. in the Gospel Café prior to the meeting. Our meal theme is Mexican! Come early to help with meal preparations if you are available.

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 can be picked up in the church office. Deadline for submitting an application if June 30, 2023. 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.

Re-Sell-It Shop News

The Resell it Shop continues to provide nice quality household items, clothes, and home décor at great low prices. Be sure to come check out the shop on Thursdays and Saturdays as the merchandise changes constantly! There is always a sale of some kind going on too! Items are discounted on a monthly basis so there are great bargains to be found. Extra help is always needed to sort, price, and put on the racks; so if you have time to volunteer please let Deb Lampe or Kay Kerperien know you are interested.

- **Sandy Newman, President UWF**

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!



Let us Pray for you...

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

If you are in need of prayer, our Prayer Room is open for you to either pray with someone or on your own.

Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.

Come ten Boom

PRAYER LIST

29 DAYS

Judy Aubuchon
 Kelly Barbero
 Dennis Boone
 Denise Daniel
 Dieckhaus Family
 Coleen Eggemeyer
 Family of Bryce Gamblin
 Family of John Keith
 Family of Laura Kraft
 Family of Christina Van Order
 Family of Robert Young
 Kathy Follmer
 Ashley Halker
 Owen Halverson
 Althea Hart
 Keith Kemper
 Barb Krull
 Gilda Lahrman
 Janeen Little & Family
 Mae McAdow
 Jesse McNabb & Family
 Chris Mehigh
 Tom Munster

Anita Phillips & Family
 Joshua & Julia Phillips
 Larry Snelson
 Laura Widman
 Bill Zimmerman

30+ DAYS

Challie Allison
 Karen Anderson
 Carol Baitinger
 Joe Caldwell
 Betty Cullen
 Saima Davis
 Kyle Edmonson
 Geoffrey Fasoldt
 Fred Feurtado Sr.
 Bridget Fischer
 Ted Fournier Jr.
 Tippiie Heimos
 Tyler Henderson
 Scott Keifer
 Dennis Ledgerwood
 Carolina Lewis
 Marlene Loesekam

Willy Newman
 John Peckham
 Cheryl Rothe
 Gabe Tinker
 Barbara Twyman
 Harding Twyman
 Lori Wallach
 George Wiesehan
 Joan Wiesehan
 Lennie Weisser
 Charlene Wright
 Shelley Young

Happy birthday, St. Lukes!

St. Luke's UMC had its first worship service on April 20th, 1941, the first Sunday after Easter. This year we will be 82 years old!



*Healthy Ministries
 Team*

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

to all the others." Romans 12:5



One of the central aspects of church is the "beloved community." Loving kindness binds us together with each other and with God. It takes creativity and a variety of ways for us to thoughtfully and intentionally reach out and connect with our church family.

We have several of our friends that that are homebound or in assisted living or nursing homes. There are also many people that are watching Sunday Worship online. It is so important that we reach out to all of 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 don't have any May birthdays among our homebound friends but, they might enjoy receiving a "Hello it's Finally Spring" visit, phone call, card or letter.

An updated list of the names, addresses, phone numbers and birthdates of all of our homebound friends is included in this newsletter.

Also, please remember to keep in touch with those you would normally see at church on Sunday to see how they are doing. 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.

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FORDER NEWS:

Thanks to Forder Cub Scout Troop 473 for their help with the Fish Fry's. They bussed tables, helped people with their drinks, trays and clean up. With their leader's guidance they all did a terrific job. Also thank you to the leaders and parents that helped with the drink station. They want to come back next year. Thank you ☺ Troop 473!!!

Believe it or not, but starting Sunday May 28th, we will start collecting for backpacks for 36 children for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. I know it doesn't seem possible since they are not even out of school yet - just a heads up. More details to follow.

- Jane Patterson

We really enjoyed ourselves and are so glad that we were able to serve St. Luke's after all you have done for us! As long as you will have us, we are planning on being back next year! The next fish fry is February 16, 2024!! If St. Luke's has any other large events or needs help with anything at all, please let us know! On behalf of the Scouts and Leaders of Cub Scout Pack 473, Scouts BSA Troop 473, and Venture Crew 2032, thank you for giving us this opportunity and have a wonderful Easter!

- Brett Delmez



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
No Reservations Needed

Service is live streamed every Sunday via
Facebook.

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



Email: office@stlukesumcmo.org
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THE EASTER CHALLENGE SERIES:

04/16 The Need for Church Life
 04/30 The Truth
 05/07 The Mission
 05/14 The Journey

WE GATHER HERE SERIES:

05/21 Gather for Encouragement
 05/28 Gather for Rhythm
 06/04 Gathered for Strength
 06/11 Gathered for Unity

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MAY 2023

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

(As of 4/8/2023)

Contributions:

General Fund and some special dedicated accounts	\$71,227	Income (General Fund):	\$ 70,938
Building Fund	\$10,582	Expenses (Staff and Operating Funds)	\$ 116,373
Window Fund	\$18,305	Difference	\$ (45,435)

Monthly general fund contributions not covering monthly expenses.

Building loan – Paid \$8,921 on the principle thru March – current value: \$476,089

Building Fund Balance: \$62,471

Building Loan Expenses YTD		Building Fund Contributions	
Principal	\$ 8,921	Total YTD Contributions	\$ 10,582
Interest	\$ 7,339	Avg. Monthly Contribution	\$ 3,527
Total	\$ 16,260	<i>Monthly contributions to the building fund are not covering the monthly expenses.</i>	

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