

St. Luke's STL
A United Methodist Church

May 2024 Newsletter

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

As your pastor, I'm just getting to know you even though I began my appointment last July. One thing I'm learning: most folks at St. Luke's are unfamiliar with the volunteer leadership structure of the church.

So below I'll describe each of the leadership teams. On the next page of this newsletter are the volunteers who serve on the leadership teams. Volunteer leaders are approved at Charge Conference annually.

The key volunteer leader of the church is the Lay Leader, who is Tammy Caldwell. The Lay Leader is the team leader for the Executive, TSF, and ICS Teams.

The Executive Team is the executive agency of the Charge Conference, making ongoing decisions about budgeting and ministry oversight.

TSF (Trustees, Staff Parish Relations Committee and Finance Team) oversees the care and usage of the church property, the finances of the church, and the liaison responsibilities between the congregation, the district superintendent, the church staff, and the pastor.

The ICS Team (Inviting, Connecting, Sending) organizes ministries to connect the congregation to one another, the community, and our world.

The Nominations Team is chaired by the Pastor and coordinates the slate of volunteer leaders annually.

Ad Hoc Teams formed by the Pastor include: the Stewardship Team, the Safety/Safe Gatherings Team, and the Worship Design Team.

I'm grateful for these faithful leaders and the dedication to God's work at St. Luke's.

Blessings,

Dr. Mike

ST. LUKE'S LEADERSHIP FOR 2024

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Tammy Caldwell-Chair, Pat Letchworth, Linda Lacy, Sandy Newman, Domini McLafferty, Jane Patterson, Joe Schneringer, Beth Thurau, Wendy Whalen, Steve Wilhelms

TSF (Trustees, Staff Parish, Finance)

Tammy Caldwell-Chair, Griff Caldwell, Nick Rothe, Cindy Schneringer, Steve Wilhelms, Maggie Rothe, Beth Thurau, Wendy Whalen, Pam Jones, Jean Bailey

ICS TEAM (Inviting, Connecting, Sending)

Tammy Caldwell-Chair, Pat Letworth, Mary Henson, Kay Kerperien, Beth Thurau, Domini McLafferty, Shari Scott, Emily Bone, Sandy Newman, Joe Schneringer, Andrea Church, Jane Patterson, Suzi Wilhelms

NOMINATIONS TEAM

Mike Gillen - Chair, Tammy Caldwell, Karen Anderson, Alan Fasoldt, Deb Lampe, Gale Going, Jean Bailey, Emily Bone, Diane Morhaus, Ward Klocke, Laurie Mares

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the fish fry. We served 3169 dinners with a profit of \$19,300. This is the best year ever! **Thank you!**

LUNCH BUNCH

We had 15 at Lunch Bunch in April. This was our largest group to date. Our next Lunch Bunch will be Tuesday, May 14th at Tucker's on Union Rd at 12:30 pm. Notify Susan Wilhelms at 601-415-6850 or the church office if planning to attend. Hope to see you there.

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**
May 6 at Noon at Helen Fitzgerald's.

GRIEF LUNCHEON *by*

Jean Bailey

Well all, so sorry for messing up our April luncheon.

Made an executive decision to go to Helen Fitzgerald's for our May meeting. That will be May 6 at noon. God bless you all. As usual any questions please call me at 313-660-2912.

SAVE THE DATE - VBS

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 22-26. Mark your calendars now.

PIECEMAKERS *by Karen Anderson*

Beware of fast moving needles! We meet every Wednesday at 9 AM in the Gospel Cafe & quilters room. Is 9 too early for you? Join us any time. We are usually here until around noon & then go to lunch! Current quilt projects include table runners & placemats. A couple scrappy quilts are being planned. Don't know how to use any needles? We can help you learn to knit, crochet, embroider, sew, cut, or even press! Or just come to socialize!



MONTHLY MISSION - MAY 2024

LifeWise - Senior Companion Kits

This month we will continue to collect items for the Senior Companions to distribute to their clients through LifeWise.



These are activities and some needed essentials. Please bring items from the list below to place in the basket in the Welcome Center. We have a good start, but let's get the basket full of these items!

playing cards	word search books
colored pencils/pencil sharpener	adult coloring books
magnifying glass	non-skid socks
journals	tissues
pens	dice games
hand sanitizer	large piece puzzles
hand lotion	dominoes
large print books	other card games

LifeWise 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.

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!

United Women in Faith



UWF Corner - May 2024

May 6, 2024 is our next scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom on the upper level across from the office. This is our last meeting until August/September as we take a break for summer. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a light sandwich meal like we have done the past few months. Please bring chips or cookies to share with the rest of the group. Hope to see many of you there!

UWF 2024 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. 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.

ReSell 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.

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)

MAY

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

UMM Spotlight *by John Newman*

Watch, But Wonder

“The Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” – Matthew 24:44

“Just look in your heart and see if there’s room, ’cause Jesus is coming soon.” – Keith Green

Our next event is the Family Fun Fishing Fair at Suson Park (Spendler Pavilion) on April 27th starting at 8:00 AM. We need a minimum of 8 fishing helpers to help kids learn to fish (some for their first time). Please notify John Newman (314-488-1187) 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. Kids between the ages of 5 – 15 years old will be eligible to enter an Attendance Prize drawing for a Rod-Reel-Tackle Box combination kit. Lunch is provided for all that attend – Hot Dogs, chips, desserts, water, and lemonade. We will also have Rods, Reels, and bait available for those that do not have any. Your help is necessary to make it an enjoyable day for everyone.

St. Luke’s UMM will be meeting on May 4, 2024. Joe Schneringer, President, is inviting you to attend a **breakfast meeting at 8:00 AM** and help with the planning of new events for 2024. We will be hosting Rog Wooden (Mo. Conf. UMM Pres.) to discuss how our men of the church can get involved. Our service project after the breakfast and speaker will be to clean and buff the floor of the Multi-Purpose Room in the Parkhurst Building. Many hands will make the work shorter in time and lighter to the individuals. So please mark your calendar to attend our meeting and remember **MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU**.

We are organizing a day at the Grizzlies Baseball Game for June 2nd against the Evansville Otter’s with a first pitch time of 1:05 PM. Please contact a UMM Officer or the Office to get on the list. We will have forms available starting May 12th. Cost of the tickets is \$16.00 per person. Many of the church members have been to 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 donation of \$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 own funds carnations that will be given out at the church service.

St. Luke’s UMM is assisting the Missouri Conference to promote the Methodist Family Day at Busch Stadium on June 22, 2024. The game is the Cardinals vs the San Francisco Giants at 1:15 PM. The tickets are in the Left Field Loge area and priced at \$30 each. Please give your requests for tickets ASAP to any UMM Officer or the church office. The ticket requests are handled by conference on a **FIRST COME** basis due to limited tickets available.

Please mark your calendars.

Thank God For Our Food by Pam Jones

God said [to Adam and Eve], 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. -Genesis 1:29

There's a joke about the first-grade teacher who asks, "Where do apples come from?" Little Sydney speaks up: "From the supermarket!"

We laugh, but the truth is, many of us forget that our food comes only from life, through the plants and animals that God alone created.

As stewards and disciples, we can develop a deep appreciation for all that God provides us, particularly our food. With every mouthful, we can thank God for our daily bread, and for the soil, air and water that sustains life.

Springtime is the perfect time to celebrate God's miracle of life that gives us fruit, vegetables, grains, meat, fish and dairy foods. Here are some ideas:

At mealtime grace, thank God not only for food, but also for the cycles of seedtime, growth and harvest. Thank God for life-nourishing soil, water and air.

While eating, think about how and from where the plants are grown or animals raised. How do they get to your kitchen?

Celebrate Earth Day by planting a garden.

Learn about nutrition -- what foods are the best and worst for us. Promote healthy eating.

Learn about food waste and take steps to reduce it in your home.

We live in a culture where food is all around us all the time. As steward-disciples, we want to be sure not to take even a mouthful for granted.

Tax Benefit

by Karen Anderson

RMD: If you are over age 70 with investments this term may sound familiar. Did you know that a tax benefit may be available to you? Consider consulting with your tax advisor or investment advisor to have those funds sent directly to St. Luke's.

Additional information is available from the finance office.



*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.*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1** David Thurau
5/3 Pat Thomas
5/6 Scott Fink, Karen Going
5/9 Ken Yount
5/10 Laura Yount
5/11 Robert Champlin
5/12 Matt Cappello
5/15 Coleen Eggemeyer
5/16 Traci Skaggs
5/21 Todd Sanderson
5/22 Rita Champlin
5/23 Dan Rothe
5/24 Alisha Rolan
5/25 Jessica Gillen
5/26 Karen Mountain
5/29 Mark DeGuire, Lori Ferguson

THANK YOU NOTES

To my St. Luke's family,

Thank you for the cards, thoughts, prayers, and support, during Ron's stay while he was in and out of the hospital. Also, to Pastor Mike, thank you for coming to the hospital at a moment's notice to help me and the family through his passing. We would also like to thank Pastor Mike for the kind words he gave at the funeral. Thank you to the people that got together and gave us a nice meal after the funeral.

Thank you all again,
The Feddersen Family

Dear St. Luke's Family,

It says in the Bible "Ask and you shall receive." I asked and Feed My People received. Thank you so much for your generous donations to the food pantry in the last several weeks. This is a slow time of the year for donations but not for hunger.

Please continue to remember Feed My People as you do your grocery shopping. If we all pick up just a few extra things every week it can make a big difference.

Thank you again,
Susan Wilhelms

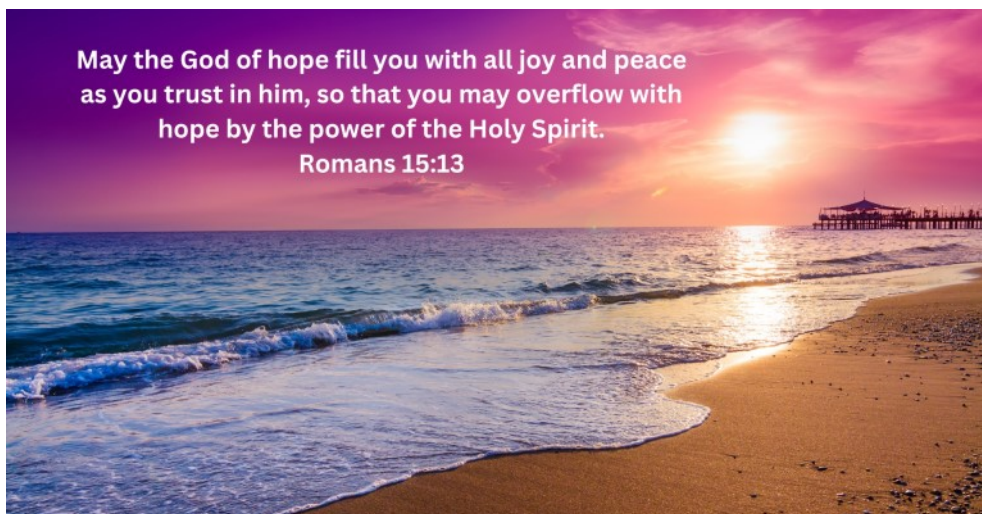
VISITATION REQUEST

Sally Dehner would like to extend an invitation to church members to come visit her at home. If you can't reach her, feel free to show up at her home late morning or early afternoon.

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/2** Malvin and Reginah Mubonani
5/12 Joe and Cindy Schneringer
5/15 Tanya and Stephen Norris
5/22 Jill and Steven Skaggs
5/26 Corine and Gene McLeod
5/29 Claire and Karen Anderson
5/31 Karen and John Mountain

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13



ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Address Service Requested

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10AM Worship Service

DATED MATERIAL

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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mike Gillen

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Music Director: Tom Schmidt

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