

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

June and July 2022

Sunday Worship

10:00am.

Recorded services are
available via Facebook.

Adult Sunday School

11:30am.

Office Hours

9:30am-12:30pm

Monday—Friday

St. Luke's Staff

Ministers

All members

Pastor

Rev. Karen Barth

Music Director

Neva Polley Scott

Accountant

Cindy Scroggins

Custodians

Carole Watson

Council President

Barney Harting

Church Administrator

Alecia Simonis

Worship at St. Luke's

It has been a blessing to see so many people in the building as things start to get back to normal. If you have any questions about the safety protocols that we are following to keep everyone safe, please contact the church office.

Our worship services begin at 10:00 AM on Sundays. If you would prefer to participate virtually, you can join us on our St. Luke's United Church of Christ Facebook page at 10am on Sunday mornings so that we can still worship together. If you have any difficulty accessing the virtual worship services, please contact the church office.

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 11:30 AM following Worship.

Weekly Updates

Keep an eye on our St. Luke's United Church of Christ Facebook page and our weekly emails to keep up to date on what's happening in our congregation. If you are not subscribed to the weekly emails and would like to get on the list, please contact the church office.

Loaves and Fishes

St. Luke's next date to serve Loaves and Fishes is June 11. We will need 4-6 people to prepare and serve lunches. Please contact Steve Shetter or Carol Higdon if you are able to help.

Young Adults Mission and Ministry

The Young Adult Group will be meeting Mondays at 8 pm during the Summer. Keep an eye out on the weekly St. Luke's email for announcements regarding events and outings! If you have any questions, please contact Young Adult Pastor Emily Carle at 860-573-7143.

Church Donations

Thank you to all of you have sent in your pledges and donations to St. Luke's recently. As you continue to support St. Luke's mission of being a caring presence in Southern Indiana, please consider giving online by going to the link on our website at www.stlukes.cc. Or, you can mail your tithes and offerings to the church at 329 Walnut St. Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

Greetings! As we head into summer here at St. Luke's I continue to be so moved by the spirit of caring and compassion that lives in our congregation. We have lots of good things going on, our June 5 Interfaith Peace Rally coming up, Camp! VBS with First Prez, celebrating our graduates on June 26 and, starting June 19, our summer worship series, focusing on the labyrinth, an ancient resource for prayer, meditation and centering. See more below about that.

One thing we can carry forward into summer is our practice of **3x a day discipleship**. This is the invitation I extended in the sermon on Sunday, May 22.

We come together as church to support each other in living the Christian life and remembering how to find our way into the heart of God on a daily basis. I encourage you to have a spiritual friend with whom you can do your discipleship practice. It might be your spouse, it might be a sibling, it might be a friend, it might be your child. Check in with this spiritual friend on a regular basis about your spiritual life and practice and how it's going. As you engage in this practice you may often forget to do it. For that, practice so much self-forgiveness. Many of us are beginners at practicing regular prayer and it takes time for it to become an integral part of our daily life.

Each day we can think of others who are also engaging in **3x a day discipleship** and this encourages us in our own prayer life and reminds us that we are not alone.

Morning discipleship—In the morning when you wake up, ask for God's guidance and instruction; ask for the advocate, the Holy Spirit to be with you throughout the day. Ask to *remember that the Holy spirit is with you. I do this in the morning through some set prayers—the Our Father and St. Francis prayer and through reading a daily devotional.*

Noon discipleship—At noon or before you eat your lunch remember that the Spirit is walking with you and you are walking with the spirit.

Evening discipleship— Before you go to bed, thank God for being with you throughout the day. You can expand this by remembering everything in your day for which you are grateful.

As we practice our discipleship we have increasing awareness of Christ's peace. This is a lifelong process that we only start from where we are. Each day is a new beginning and each moment is a new beginning. Our **3x a day discipleship** prayers are islands of peace that we return home to—and don't we all need a little more peace in our lives!

I hope your summer is full of enjoyment and opportunities for serving God. Continue to remember those who are ill or grieving and reach out to them with a note or a phone call. Take time to refresh your Spirit. Walk the labyrinth to help center yourself and hear God's call more deeply in your life.

Peace and grace to you now and always,
Pastor Karen



ST. LUKE'S UCC MUSIC MINISTRY

Psalm 100

King James Version

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

June/July Summer Sundays Music

June 5

June 12

June 19

June 26 – Organist – Carol Johnson

July 3 – Organist – Carol Johnson

July 10

July 17 – Organist - Carol Johnson

July 24

July 31

The choir will take a break from regular weekly rehearsals during the Summer per our long-standing practice. However, we will share music on Sundays with a warm up prior to the service. Our choir members serve as leaders on the congregational hymns in addition to providing special musical selections. Even if you don't regularly sing with the choir, please consider joining in for a few Sundays in the Summer! Sunday mornings, musicians will meet in the choir loft at 9:30 to run through all the hymns and any anthems. All are welcome. Instrumentalists are welcome too. Please reach out to Neva Scott (nevamariepolley@gmail.com) and provide your cell number and email address if you like to receive occasional texts and email updates on music programs.

Summer Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, June 2 – 6 pm

Wednesday, June 8 – 6 pm

Thursday, July 7 – 6 pm

Tuesday, July 19 – 6 pm

Children & Youth Ministry



Faith Journeys Camp at Merom is June 13-18 this year, and is for kids in grades 3-12. There is still time to register. If the Faith Journeys camp does not work with your schedule, there are other summer camping opportunities at Merom. Go to Merom.org to see the schedule.

We will be joining with Frist Presbyterian Church for **Vacation Bible School** this summer. The theme will be “Operation Creation” and will focus on how Jesus teaches us to live, what God is like, and how to love and care for our friends and environment. June 20 & 21, VBS will be at First Presbyterian from 6:00—7:30 PM, and on June 22, there will be a picnic, cook out, and scavenger hunt at Perrin Park from 6:00—7:30 PM.. Contact the church office for a registration form, or just show up a little early on the first day of bible school to fill out the form.

Scholarship applications for the Fall semester need to be turned in by Monday, June 13. You will need to fill out the application and agreement to receive the scholarship. Both forms can be found on the table in Watson Hall or in the weekly email. If you have any questions or need the forms sent to you, please contact the church office.

A Note from the Elders

On occasion, we receive requests for help with transportation from members or regular visitors. In order to support this, we are going to form a Transportation Team. Is it your calling to help transport members of our community to church and church events? If you are interested, please contact Carol Higdon.

Women's Fellowship

For the month of June, The Women's Fellowship is collecting small bottles of body wash, shampoo, and laundry detergent for the Center for Lay Ministries. These items are available at Dollar Tree for \$1.25 if you would like to purchase from there. If you would prefer, you can donate money in your weekly offering toward the purchase of these items. We appreciate your generosity.

THE WAY: Labyrinth Series Overview

On June 19, we will begin a new worship series based on the ancient centering resource, the labyrinth. A labyrinth is similar to a maze but there is only one path in and out and you can make no wrong turns. In a labyrinth there are no dead ends. The path takes you to the center and brings you out again. Jeffersonville has a community labyrinth on Seventh Street in the NoCo Arts District. Each week during our series we will have one or more activities related to the labyrinth. You will have opportunities to make your own finger labyrinth, learn prayer and movement practices utilizing the labyrinth, and to walk the community labyrinth solo and with others. Below are the scriptures for each week of the series. Some of you have already used the labyrinth in your religious practice. To others this will be brand new. My hope is that each of us will find a greater sense of connection with the divine as we tread this path that helps us to stay on THE WAY.



Week 1	Into the Silence	June 19	1 Kings 19:1-16, Galatians 3:23-29
Week 2	Callings	June 26	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Week 3	Paying Attention	July 3	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Galatians 6:1-10
Week 4	Empty Vessels	July 10	2 Kings 4:1-7, Colossians 1:1-14
Week 5	Revelation	July 17	Colossians July 17 1:15-20, 26-28, Luke 10:38-42
Week 6	Life-Long Learning	July 23	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19), Luke 11:1-13

Did you Know?

Our Spiritual Life committee is in charge of the **Prayer Chain**. If you have prayer concerns or would like to join the email prayer chain, please contact Carol Higdon or the church office.

The bi-monthly newsletter is also available as an **E-newsletter**. If you would prefer to receive your newsletters electronically, please contact the church office and we can switch it for you.

Every Thursday, we send out **Weekly Emails** to keep you up to date on what's going on at the church. If you have not signed up, or are having trouble with your subscription, please contact the church office.

INTERFAITH PEACE RALLY AND FAMILY PICNIC



Sunday, June 5, 4 p.m.

**Big Four Park
Jeffersonville, IN**

Bring a dish to share

**Sponsored by the Jeffersonville Downtown Clergy
and the SolN Interfaith Initiative**

June Birthdays

2nd Kate Chaney
 4th Emily Abernathy
 7th Lois Bliss
 15th Brandon Maloney
 17th Jennifer Reid
 21st Kirk Spencer
 22nd Leland Abernathy

July Birthdays

1st Lilly Feree
 3rd Parker Hennegan
 7th Joan Henderson
 18th Jason Smith
 21st John Scott
 23rd Jennifer Ellis
 Braxton Poole
 26th Martha Gilstrap
 27th Tim Cheatham
 29th Chris Runyon
 30th Faith Steele
 31st Grant Oakes

June Anniversaries

8th Willie & Shelly Watson
 20th Charlie & Sandy Smith
 22nd Ken & Janet Turner
 27th Bud & Mary Ann Jenkins

July Anniversaries

9th Gary & Carol Maloney
 25th Lonnie & Susie Burns
 27th Dibbs & Faye Harting

Please let the church office know if we have missed listing any birthdays or anniversaries.

June Loaves and Fishes

June 4 St. James
 June 11 St. Luke's
 June 18 Larry & Lyda Abell Group
 June 25 Wall St. UMC

July Loaves and Fishes

July 2 First Baptist
 July 9 St. Augustine
 July 16 Faith Lutheran
 July 23 Matthew 14 Ministries
 July 30 St. John Paul

The Book of Golden Memories list is now available in its entirety on the St. Luke's website at www.stlukes.cc.

St. Luke's Calendar

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
3 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	4 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	5 NA 7 PM	6	7 Choir 6 PM	8	9 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
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Or where you are
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