

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

October and November 2023

Sunday Worship

10:00am.

Recorded services are available via Facebook.

Adult Sunday School

11:30am.

Worship at St. Luke's

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.

Office Hours

9:30am-12:30pm

Monday—Friday

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.

St. Luke's Staff

Ministers

All members

Pastor

Rev. Karen Barth

Music Director

Neva Polley Scott

Accountant

Cindy Scroggins

Custodians

Carole Watson

Sarah Poole

Grant Oakes

Council President

Kate Chaney

Church Administrator

Alecia Simonis

Upcoming Events

Church events and gatherings will be posted on the St. Luke's United Church of Christ Facebook Page, including morning worship, Sunday School, and Young Adults activities. Whether you take part of something weekly or you have a one time event please reach out to Matthew Mudd mec-mudd@gmail.com to have it added to our events page. You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/stlukesjeff>.

Loaves and Fishes

St. Luke's will be serving Loaves and Fishes on November 25. We will need 8-10 people to prepare and serve lunches. Please contact Carol Higdon or Denise Hicks if you are able to help.

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.

Pastoral Letter

Dear Church Family and Friends,

As you read this, we are well into our fall season of heightened church activities. By the time you receive this newsletter, Oktoberfest will be completed, World Communion Sunday will be celebrated, and our Stewardship Campaign will be well underway. Before long, our Thanksgiving celebrations will be here.

So many people are contributing to the vitality of our communal life here at St. Luke's and as I reflect on this my heart swells in gratitude. You give of yourselves so that others may know the presence of Christ. You give of yourselves so that ministry can flourish here in Jeffersonville.

Stewardship—yes, this word has to do with the financial health of any organization, but it is so much more than that. A steward is one who looks after the resources of an entity, making sure that the resources are well used. All of us at St. Luke's are the stewards of our resources.

Here are some ways that you are providing stewardship at St. Luke's:

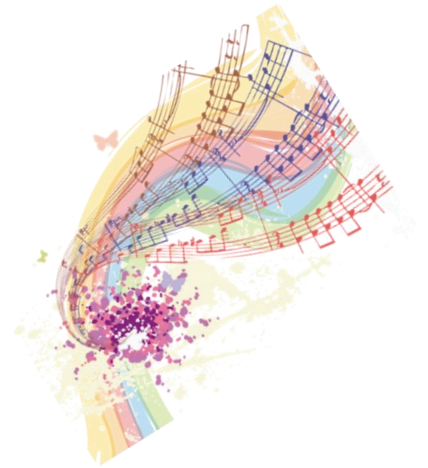
1. Our Young Adult Mission and Ministry group meets weekly to consider God's word and to plan ways to contribute to the congregation. As they read Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull's book, *Inhabiting Eden*, this fall they will be envisioning ways that St. Luke's can more effectively care for our Earth.
2. Your efforts have allowed us to engage Emily Carle as our Youth and Young Adult pastor through May of 2024.
 - a. Emily is now providing Sunday School Time for our 6-12th graders twice a month and our youth will have a youth group activity once a month. Pickleball may be upcoming!
3. Our Adult Sunday School will be Studying the Book of Revelation starting October 15 as we continue to discern God's calling for those involved.
4. You ensure the feeding of 50-100 people every week.
5. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are becoming a more integrated part of St. Luke's.
6. You made possible our beautiful sanctuary renovation!
7. You support a staff that works diligently to provide worship opportunities, pastoral care, Christian education, church administration, custodial care, and financial oversight.

All of the ways you give matter more than you can know. God calls us to be good stewards of all creation. We start with our homes, including our church home. I am pleased to be a part of a community that takes this call to heart and gives in so many ways.

May the God of peace and light, of our church and all creation continue to bless you in your Christian discipleship,
Pastor Karen



St. Luke's United Church of Christ Music Ministry Fall 2023 October/November



Fall Music Schedule

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Wednesdays 7-8 pm

October 4 No Music Activities

October 11

October 18

October 25

November 1

November 8

November 15

November 22 No Music Activities

November 29

Family Music Night Fall Session

Wednesdays 6-7

October 11

October 18

October 25

November 8

November 15

November 29

Sunday Morning Choir Warm-Up

Each Sunday at 9:30 am

Your Personal Invitation to Choir

St. Luke's Choir is a fun, spirited, and joyful group of folks. If you saw us at choir rehearsal, you would see how much we enjoy singing together, how we have fun learning and making mistakes, how we laugh, and how we share in things close to our hearts. Wednesday choir rehearsal is about more than music (although we love music). It is a time of fellowship and friendship. If you are looking to add an hour of peace, laughter, and fellowship into your weekly routine, **You are most welcome to join in anytime!**

Because of **YOU**, St. Luke's changes lives. Thank you for the time, talent, and money that you give to accomplish this. First, I hope St. Luke's has helped you on your Christian journey. Maybe it was a certain pastor, church camp, a Sunday school teacher, or some special spiritual moment at St. Luke's that you remember that has helped you on life's journey. **YOUR** generosity to Center for Lay Ministries, Loaves and Fishes, Narcotics Anonymous, Boy Scouts, American Cancer Society, Our World Christian Mission, etc. also helps make it possible for St. Luke's to change lives.

For the last few difficult years, St. Luke's has spent more than we have received. Thank God that we have had some savings to fall back on. **BUT** we cannot continue to do that and survive. To pay the bills and have a vibrant program, the Finance and Property team feels we need to have \$170,000 in giving. The Bible gives us a standard of 10%. And if every member gave 10%, we would have much more given than the \$170,000. If you do the math, each member's goal to reach \$170,000 would be \$1260 a year or a little over \$100 per month, about \$25 a week, and only about \$3.50 a day. And if 10% sounds way out of line, I ask you what percentage tip do you leave? :-)

Here at St. Luke's, thank God some give more than \$1260 a year. And we do not want you to cut back. No matter how much you give, "You are welcome here." If you are giving less than 10% or less than \$1260 per year, please prayerfully consider increasing your giving.

We are encouraging every member to complete a giving card and a time and talent sheet to help us be a vibrant church doing the work of Jesus Christ. The Pony Express is our main method of reaching every member. In the bag is a letter with your name on it. Please, in a timely fashion (two days), complete the information, call, and deliver the bag to the next person on the list. When the list is complete or if you have difficulty passing the bag along, call the listed Station Agent.

Thank you for any and all of your past contributions of time, talent, or money. St. Luke's has been changing lives for over 160 years. Our previous members have left us a beautiful church. Let's not only keep it open with the lights on. Let's keep it alive and thriving.



Mike Campbell
Property and Finance Team Chair



The Youth (grades 6-12) will begin Youth Group Sunday School on Creation Care with Young Adult and Youth Pastor Emily Carle. YGSS will meet during worship after the youth are dismissed from the Children's Sermon. We will be meeting 9/24, 10/8, and 10/22. Stay tuned for November dates and an email from Emily about a monthly fun event!

Trunk or Treat will be at First Presbyterian on Sunday, October 29 from 4:30-6:00. Decorate your trunk and bring treats to share. Event happening rain or shine.

Youth Sunday is also October 29. If you are interested in participating please let Emily know.

Sunday, December 10 will be our Christmas Pageant. More details to come.

If you have any questions, ask Emily Carle at 860-573-7143
or Emily Cotner at 812-987-5056



The Young Adults (ages 18-35) meet Mondays at 6 pm at St. Luke's. We will be hosting "Talking Trash," open to anyone in the congregation looking to walk around downtown Jeff and pick up litter. On 10/2 we will begin our study of "Inhabiting Eden" by Trisha Tull and discuss chapters 1-2. Future dates: 10/9: chapters 3-4, 10/16: chapters 5-6, 10/23: chapters 7-8, 10/30: chapter 9. Stay tuned for information about a fire pit at the Mudd's house! Any questions ask Young Adult and Youth Pastor Emily Carle at 860-573-7143.



Trunk or Treat

Oct 29 4:30-6:00

at First Presbyterian Church

222 Walnut St., Jeffersonville, IN

Sponsored by First Presbyterian,
St. Luke's UCC, and Wall St. UMC



Library Highlights



New books are being added to St. Luke's Library! Pastor Karen brought 25 new arrivals from General Synod. Eden has donated some of the 'additional readings' from her class and new books are being purchased from the Pilgrim Press – the main printing house of the UCC. We hope to highlight a few of those items new to our library in coming newsletters.

Please – these books are available for you to borrow – there is no time limit on borrowing. There is no judgement – if a book doesn't speak to you – bring it back, it might speak to someone else. If you really have a book speak to you – share that word with a friend.

We have shelved books in categories:

1. Bible Commentaries and Aides
2. Study Guides to books of the Bible
3. Theologians and Theology for the Layperson
4. Issues in Christianity
5. Personal Worship/devotion/Poetry
6. Church History

Highlighted titles for this newsletter:

- Moses – God's Man for a Crisis by Charles R. Swinbolt – (found in Study Guides)
- Hidden Histories of the UCC (2 volumes) by Barbara Brown Zikmund (found in Church History)
- Holy Stuff of Life by Heather Murray Elkins (found in Worship/Devotion/Poetry)
- Holy Hygge – Creating a place for people to gather and the Gospel to Grow by J. Erickson (found in Worship/devotion/Poetry)
- The Splendor of Creation by Ellen Bernstein (found in Issues in Christianity)
- Inhabiting Eden by Patricia K. Tull (found in Issues in Christianity) – the author lives in Henryville, Indiana and makes a lot of local references.

A note from the Council President

We still have 3 months in this year, but St. Luke's has packed plenty of activity into the first 9 months. I hope you have been able to be personally involved or at least were able to view the events on our webcast. I would not be able to thank each person by name who made all of the wonderful happenings come to fruition, so I just say thank you knowing that you know who you are and what you did. By the time the next newsletter comes out, we will be well into preparations for Advent and Christmas. If you have been unable to be involved in our previous events, please find out what is going on in these last few months and volunteer to be a part of it. As always, please let me know what I can do to help make St. Luke's the church God would have it be.

Kate

Faith and Fellowship

The Faith and Fellowship Team has had a busy year, and yet, it's only the beginning. During October we will be getting ready for our big Trunk or Treat activities. From 4:30-6:00 on October 29, the downtown churches will gather at First Presbyterian Church in the parking lot. Decorate your trunk or a table and bring a lot of treats for our little goblins. If it rains, we will move inside to the gym. Also, I'm sure there will be some kind of special treat after church that day.

During November join us for some fellowship time after church.

NOW it's time to bring out the decorations. On Dec 3 we will have a PITCH-IN, decorate the church, and enjoy some Christmas Caroling. This is the first Sunday of Advent.

Dec. 10 will be our Children's Program along with a special guest from the North Pole.

This will be the day we have our annual cookie exchange. Make a dozen or two of your favorite cookies and bring a container to take a variety of cookies home with you to share with others during the Holiday Season.

Dec 24, Sunday!! There will not be a so-called Fellowship time, but we want you to join us for worship and to Celebrate the Birth of Christ. And as some of you know it will be Emily Cotner's 34th Birthday. She was born on a Sunday morning, Christmas Eve.

Dev

October Birthdays

2nd	Faye Harting	19th	Gary Maloney
6th	Ian Ellis		Doris Trinkle
7th	Nick Steele	20th	Kathy Webster
11th	Robb Sorrell	23rd	Samuel Thornberry
	Keith Emly	26th	Rhonda Blankenbaker
18th	Arden Thornberry	29th	Autumn Turner

November Birthdays

1st	Erin Reid	13th	Anna Tarter	21st	Wes Scott
3rd	Lucas Hennegan	17th	Jeff Turner	23rd	Rylan Byars
4th	Sandra Byars	18th	Ellie Thornberry	27th	Neva Scott
	Carol Higdon	19th	Kathie Miller	28th	Agnes Ward
7th	Amelia Blankenbaker		Brian Mabry	29th	Caimen Reid
11th	Susie Pope	20th	Megan Koehler		Paula Densford
	Denise Hicks		Ken Heibert	30th	Bridget Anson
12th	Kris Steele		Jeff Thornberry		

October Anniversaries

1st	John & Neva Scott
5th	John Kevin & Megan Koehler
24th	Bill & Beth Maloney

November Anniversaries

1st	Jack & Susan Vissing
3rd	Jeff & Julie Thornberry
9th	Jason & Tonya Smith
23rd	Larry & Peggy Enteman

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

October Loaves and Fishes

October 7	Faith Lutheran
October 14	Tri Kappa
October 21	Cook Memorial
October 28	Matthew 14 Ministries

November Loaves and Fishes

November 4	First Baptist
November 11	St. James
November 18	First Christian
November 25	St. Luke's

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 October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10 AM World Communion 11:15 AM Blessing of Animals 4PM Boy Scouts 4 PM	2 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM	3 NA 7 PM	4 No Music Activities	5	6	7 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
8 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	9 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM Loaves & Fishes 6 PM Finance/Property 6:30 PM	10 NA 7 PM	11 Women's Fellowship 12 PM Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	12	13	14 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
15 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	16 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM	17 Church Council 6 PM NA 7 PM	18 Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	19	20	21 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
22 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	23 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	24 NA 7 PM	25 Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	26	27	28 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
29 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM Trunk or Treat 4:30 PM	30 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	31 NA 7 PM				

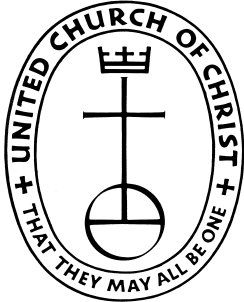
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Choir 7 PM	2	3	Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
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