

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

January/February 2021

Sunday

Worship

10:00am.

Recorded services are available via Facebook.

Virtual Worship at St. Luke's

All are invited to join the Facebook Watch Party on our St. Luke's United Church of Christ Facebook page at 10am on Sunday mornings so that we can worship together while apart. Participating in a "Watch and Worship Party" allows us to view the service at the same time while interacting in the chat area.

If you have any difficulty accessing the virtual worship services, please contact the church office.

Office Hours

9:30am-12:30pm

Monday—Friday

Weekly Happenings

As we begin to open up the church, more events will be happening in the building. There will also be occasional check-ins via Zoom.

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

Music Director

Neva Polley Scott

Accountant

Cindy Scroggins

Custodians

Carole Watson

Eunice Oakes

Council President

Barney Harting

Church Administrator

Alecia Simonis

Loaves and Fishes

St. Luke's next date to serve Loaves and Fishes is March 27. We will need 4-6 people to prepare and serve lunches. Please contact Steve Shetter 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 over the past weeks. If you are able to 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.

President's Message December 18, 2020

Dear Church family,

As 2020 comes to an end, we are probably tempted to say “good riddance”. This has certainly been the most unusual year of my life and probably yours too. I hope you and your family have stayed safe and healthy this year and that soon Covid 19 will be defeated and some sense of normalcy can return.

Our Church has overcome many of the challenges it has faced this year in remarkable fashion. We managed to have virtual services, thanks for our Tech committee. Special thanks to John Scott for leading that team and to its’ members for all their hard work making this happen.

We have also survived the loss of our leader, Pastor Trish. Our loss is certainly her gain with the new addition to her growing family, Cece. The search committee, led by Dibbs Harting, has been hard at work for months looking for just the right person to lead St. Lukes in 2021 and beyond. Much thanks go out to Dibbs and all the committee members.

Perhaps our biggest challenge this year has been the income loss due to the pandemic. Giving has been down this year about 30 percent. While our Oktoberfest was successful in most respects, it still didn’t raise the amount that we had budgeted for it. Of course our pastoral expenses are down without a permanent pastor, but it is important that we work through this challenge next year as we hope to have a new pastor sooner rather than later. Thanks to all of you of were able to continue your pledged and unpledged giving this year, and hopefully next year giving will be back up along with fundraising income.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president in 2020. I am pleased to be staying on the Council next year as Vice President. I’m also very happy that Barney Harting will be leading us as President of Council next year. Barney, along with all the good people on Council 2021, will be working hard for the Church and inspiring us all to be the best stewards of St. Lukes that we can be.

In the spirit of the season and with prayers to all, God bless.

David R. Blankenbeker,
Council President, 2020

St. Luke's UCC Music
Ministry
January 2021
Music Notes



Worshiping in a Remote Environment

As we continue in our virtual environment to decrease the spread of COVID-19 in our community, St. Luke's Music Ministry continues to work creatively and safely to provide a variety of music to accompany services at St. Luke's.

For those who may have found themselves wondering what goes on behind the filming of the services, each week music is selected and then recorded usually in multiple settings. Recordings are made of the verbal parts of the service as well, usually on separate days. Some recordings are done at home and others in the sanctuary. All are done with the thought of doing all our recordings in a way that is safe for all involved.

Once recordings are completed, they are uploaded to a shared Google drive and Kaitlyn Maloney then begins the artful and skillful technical work of connecting all the video clips, making a unique full-service video each week. Between December 20 and December 27, three full services were recorded, edited and placed on Facebook Live. The service that you see on Facebook represents hours of recording and editing over a week to a week and a half period of time. And, while it is different from our choir rehearsals and live services of the past, we are all learning new things and making the best of the situation.

So many members of St. Luke's are contributing to the videoed services by recording readings and music. It is heartwarming to see the familiar faces each Sunday and to share in the time of worship together. While we are physically separated, we remain one in the Spirit.

Thank you to everyone who has and continues to contribute to our online services. Our Advent and Christmas services represented so many musical talents in our congregation. From our amazing two-person bell choir (Kate and Bev), a horn quintet (thank you Matt), flautists (Bev and Kaitlyn), our children who shared on what would normally have been our pageant Sunday (families of Bean, Watson, and Sharp) and all our vocalists (Faith, Jo Ellen, Amelia, John, Becky). Thank you for sharing your talents and leading us in worship!

Neva Scott

Music Director



December 20, 2020

BUILDING AND FIANCE COMMITTEE

After our initial in-person meeting in 2020, we switched to Zoom virtual meetings, and continue to be active with monthly meetings. Here is a recap to bring you up to date with some detail:

Beth Maloney notified us of an available grant of up to \$5000 available from the Center for Congregations out of Indianapolis (funded by Eli Lilly). Their intent is to help Indiana churches of all faiths to update their technologies to better cope with the pandemic. We were fortunate enough to receive that grant. Since then, we have installed a pan/zoom fixed camera above the audio credenza in the sanctuary, a joystick and hardware to operate the camera, and a laptop. This equipment works in coordination with our existing sound system and allows for many additional functions with which to enhance our future presentations.

While we awaited shipment and installation of this new equipment, we formed a Tech Team to help us forge ahead into these new technological possibilities. Early on, we used personal i-Phones to live-stream the in-person services on Sunday mornings. Justin Tarter, with assistance from Kaitlyn Maloney, Thomas Beimrohr, Amelia Blankenbeker, and Raelyn Cardwell, did a super job jumping into uncharted waters and making the live-stream services available to those at home. Dibbs Harting and Steve Shetter have also joined the Team to assist with the audio portion and help with the video going forward.

When the Council decided to go with virtual services only, Neva Scott began coordinating and planning the weekly services, which included recording music, sermons, and other speakers. These videos are then uploaded to Kaitlyn Maloney, where she edits all the videos for the professional presentation on Sunday mornings. All of this being prepared within restrictions presented by Covid, such as social distancing, and assistance required to video some of our various speakers. Many new steps have been researched and implemented as necessary. I cannot begin to express my thanks to fellow members for their selfless, time-consuming involvement toward seeing to it that the church has a quality presentation each Sunday. A special thanks too, for those willing to step up and be seen and heard in the services. We have also just purchased yard signs to help get the word out to "Join Us on Facebook!".

We now look forward to eventually sending live-streaming feeds from the sanctuary using the new equipment when the time is right to do so safely for all involved. Justin Tarter is leading that effort in learning, then teaching others on the Team.

Other activities:

We applied for and received the government's Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) in the amount of \$17,700. Just recently, we have applied for and expect forgiveness of this loan by the federal government.

We applied for and received a grant from the Jeffersonville Enterprise Zone to replace our front doors to the sanctuary. They will pay half of this project. The special made doors have been slowed by Covid, but we are expecting them to be delivered at any moment and will be installed weather permitting.

Marr Company from New Albany is presently performing a renovation on the outside of the sanctuary. Perhaps you have seen the “lifts” that are being used outside. An old type brick mortar (which must be used with the old style brick) is crumbling in certain areas and is causing damage to the interior sanctuary walls with leaking rainwater. There are several other repairs going on to preserve the structure into the future. This \$22,000 project will be using money from the Building Fund.

Todd Willenborg and Kelley Curran have graciously donated \$20,000 to St. Luke’s recently. They asked that \$18,000 be used toward upkeep on the landscape, with priority to Tara’s Garden. This money has been placed in a restricted fund and is being invested in a UCFund. Also, \$1000 is to be used for Member Benevolence, and \$1000 to the Youth Fund with priority for youth attending Merom. We thank you for this gift!

We have been fortunate to receive some grant money to help offset some of these expenses. However, as David Blankenbeker has mentioned in his President’s Message, we are down about 30% from our planned giving this year. Thank you to those that have continued your financial support of the church. We encourage everyone to help us meet our expenses and continue to grow into the future on a solid footing. If you haven’t already done so, you can set up your donation to be automatic using the link found on the St. Luke’s web page. It allows you flexibility and security in making your timely donations to St. Luke’s. You can also access the donation link by visiting the church webpage stlukes.cc. I am sure we all look forward to being back in our home at St. Luke’s and seeing each other and enjoying our church family.

Pray good health to all, and hope that 2021 brings a much brighter and healthier future.

John Scott
Chair, St. Luke’s Building and Finance Team

Installation of Officers

We will soon install our new officers and leaders for 2021, as they were elected by the congregation at its November meeting. Please plan to join us for this special occasion to bless our new leaders in 2021.

Thank you to the following people who have agreed to served on the Church Council for 2021.

Barney Harting – President	David Blankenbeker – Vice President
JoEllen Blankenbeker – Secretary	Peggy Hardaway – Treasurer
Willie Watson – Financial Secretary	Shelly Watson – Children & Youth
Tracie Olivera – Faith & Fellowship	John Scott – Finance & Property
Kate Chaney – Missions & Growth	Jack Vissing – Personnel
Becky Haxton – Spiritual Life	



St. Luke's



84th Annual Sausage Supper

For 83 years St. Luke's Sausage Supper has been held on the third Friday of February; rain, snow, sleet or shine. But then came Covid-19. We, like great traditions such as the Kentucky Derby, Indianapolis 500 and most major public events, have decided that discretion is far better than custom.

Several current issues were considered but the far most important concern was for that of the many parishioners needed to prepare and serve the meal, even if everything was for carry out like we did for Oktoberfest. Not insignificant, however, are the ancillary activities that have become so important to the event such as the Country Store, Silent Auction and advertising booklet.

Our current plan is to postpone Sausage Supper in hopes that the wonderful vaccines will have brought us back to some degree of normalcy. After some discussion of all the Spring happenings such as Easter, Derby Festival events, Mother's Day and Memorial Day, we have tentatively decided to move it to April 23rd for this year.

This is just one more example of how we must adapt to extraordinary times to let all know we are an extraordinary church family that loves serving Christ and our community.

**St. Luke's United Church of Christ
329 Walnut St.
Jeffersonville, IN**

January Birthdays

1 st	Gary Steedly	22 nd	Harrison Eades
4 th	Ken Turner	24 th	Willie Watson
10 th	Catie Lu Sorrell	25 th	Butch Trinkle
11 th	Dibbs Harting	26 th	Linda Stirr
12 th	Elizabeth Vissing	27 th	Peggy Enteman
14 th	Marian Rider		Carol Maloney
16 th	Timothy Bonner	28 th	Barbara Wilson
18 th	Faye Eades	29 th	Martha Frame
19 th	Lonnie Burns	31 st	Larry Coe

February Birthdays

2 nd	Mary Arbuckle	13 th	Harold Frame
5 th	Carol Campbell		Kim Hensley
	Cathy Mabry		Kelsey Hensley
6 th	Dolly Pangburn		Marge Cenower
	Love Phan		Steffanie O'Neal
	Joey Watson	21 st	Kevin Hennegan
9 th	Kelley Curran	23 rd	Cindi Roberts
12 th	Kara Emly	25 th	Phil Hurlbut

February Anniversaries

13th Harold & Martha Frame
 14th Ken & Susan Heibert
 Steve & Linda Reinstedler

Barney & Becky Harting
 Stephen Ruffra & Faith Steele
 16th Keith & Malisa Morlen

January Loaves and Fishes

2nd Faith Lutheran 30th Anchor Club
 9th First Christian
 16th First Baptist
 23rd St. Augustine

February Loaves and Fishes

6th ROTC
 13th First Presbyterian
 20th Cook Memorial
 27th Wall St. UMC

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

Thank You!

Siblings in Christ:

Thank you so much for the staff Christmas gifts. We are moved by your generosity and thoughtfulness. We thank God for the opportunity to work at St. Luke's and to serve with all of you!

St. Luke's Staff



St. Luke's Calendar January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
3 Worship 10:00 AM	4 Preschool 9:00 AM	5 Preschool 9:00 AM NA 7:30 PM	6 Preschool 9:00 AM	7 Preschool 9:00 AM	8 Preschool 9:00 AM	9 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
10 Worship 10:00 AM	11 Preschool 9:00 AM Finance & Property Meeting 6:00 PM	12 Preschool 9:00 AM Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM NA 7:30 PM	13 Preschool 9:00 AM	14 Preschool 9:00 AM	15 Preschool 9:00 AM	16 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
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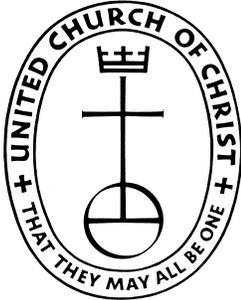
St. Luke's Calendar February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Preschool 9:00 AM	2 Preschool 9:00 AM NA 7:30 PM	3 Preschool 9:00 AM	4 Preschool 9:00 AM	5 Preschool 9:00 AM	6 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
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