

# St. Luke's United Church of Christ

# Still Speaking

June and July 2023

**Sunday  
Worship**  
10:00am.

**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 and*

*Sarah Poole*

Council President

*Kate Chaney*

Church Administrator

*Alecia Simonis*

## **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.

## **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 & Fishes**

St. Luke's will be hosting Loaves and Fishes on Saturday, June 10. We need 6-10 people to help out and will be doing only carry-out meals. If you are available to help, please contact Carol Higdon, Denise Hicks, or the church office.

## **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](http://www.stlukes.cc). Or, you can mail your tithes and offerings to the church at 329 Walnut St. Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

## June/July 2023 Pastoral Letter,

As we head into the summer months, with the warmer weather, our bodies relax and our breathing (despite allergies) becomes slower and deeper. As we disperse into summer activities, travel, camping and hiking, gardening, and porch sitting, we take a collective exhale—the Holy Breath, the Spirit leading us and breathing us into a period of summer work and play.

In the sanctuary on Sundays, we may see different people, for we are pursuing our various summer recreations. And we know the Spirit of St. Luke's is with us wherever we go. In this time, we have much to relish and to look forward to.

Our sanctuary has been renewed by the contributions of so many. Our new carpet and pews will provide a space for meaningful worship for many years to come. Look for the announcement of the date we will celebrate by placing a dedication plaque and renaming the multi-purpose room.

Children are getting ready for Faith Journeys Camp and for our Ecumenical Vacation Bible School. Our confirmands have studied and prepared diligently for their June 4 confirmation. I am so happy for their efforts and for their love of St. Luke's. A big thanks to their mentors and parents who are supporting them on their journey of faith. Our young people are graduating from high school and earning master's degrees.

Our Young Adult Ministry and Mission is in full swing with summer fun and study on the agenda. Look for the Young Adult calendar in this newsletter. And hopefully, our more mature adults will also gather this summer for some fun. Look in the weekly email for more about that.

In early June and early July, I will be connecting with the wider church at our Indiana-Kentucky Conference Annual Gathering and then at our worldwide UCC General Synod 34, both in Indianapolis. Even if you aren't registering for those, you could still drive up and visit the vendors' areas where there is much to connect with. And there is an opportunity to experience General Synod for Free on Sunday, July 2. We have sent you an email about this.

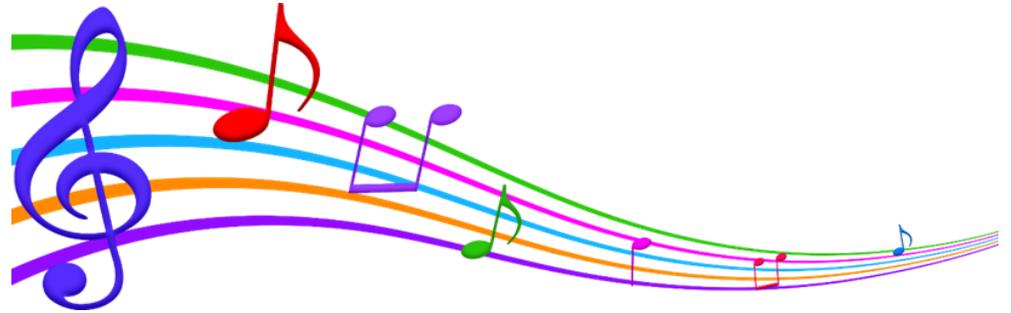
The Young Adults and the Adult Bible Study will continue to convene during the summer to hold and deepen St. Luke's in our understanding of the Word. And our prayer chain ministry will continue to hold us all in prayer.

We, St. Luke's, are a blessed congregation striving to live into the Word, into the commandments of Christ as we participate in the world at large. May God bless each of you in your summer endeavors and hold you in the joy of Christ at St. Luke's.

God's peace and grace be with you,  
Pastor Karen



## St. Luke's Music Ministry Summer 2023



### Psalm 92: 1-4

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,  
 Proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,  
 To the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.  
 For you make me glad by your deeds Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

### Summer Sunday Music Schedule

#### June 2023

June 4, Confirmation Sunday  
 June 11  
 June 18, Father's Day  
 June 25

#### July 2023

July 2  
 July 9 – Carol Johnson, Organist  
 July 16 – Carol Johnson, Organist  
 July 23  
 July 30

### Summer Choir

As is our custom, the Choir will take a break from Wednesday evening rehearsals in the Summer. However, we will still share music on Sundays from our repertoire and through sharing favorite hymns. The choir will warm up each Sunday at 9:30 am. We will sing anthems that are "ready to sing" and newcomers are welcome to join us anytime! The last rehearsal of the 2022/2023 choir year will be May 31<sup>st</sup>. The first rehearsal of the 2023/2024 choir year will be August 9<sup>th</sup>.



## A Message from the Council President

Much has happened and will be happening at St. Luke's. Everyone can be part of it.

As you read the various articles about what is planned for the summer months, please think about what you would like to see happening and how you can contribute. Do you have young children or grandchildren who would be interested in any youth or younger events to fill their time off school? Contact Emily Cotner or Kaitlyn Mudd.

We will soon have a housewarming to celebrate the updated sanctuary and renaming of the multipurpose room.

As always, please feel free to let me know of anything I can do to make our church the place God would have it be.

Council President,  
Kate Chaney

## Young Adults Mission & Ministry

St. Luke's Young Adult Ministry and Mission group will continue to meet throughout the summer. We have fun and study planned. Please see the schedule below. When we meet for study in the evenings, we have a light snack, check in time where we hear what is going on with each other, and we often end the evening with some fun like a board game or cooperative game. In the first part of the summer we will be studying Paul's Letter to the Romans from the New Testament. Then we will choose a book to read for the end of the summer study. The group is open to all young adults ages 18-35. You don't have to be a member of St. Luke's to participate or have any Bible experience. All young adults are welcome. Please contact young adult leader JP Schill, at (828) 785-2831, with any questions.

<b>June 5</b>	Walking Trash (Local Trash Pickup)	<b>July 17</b>	No Meeting
<b>June 12</b>	No Meeting	<b>July 18</b>	Bats Game Game begins at 6:35
<b>June 19</b>	Begin Book of Romans, 1-5	<b>July 24</b>	Begin Book Study (Title TBA)
<b>June 26</b>	Romans 6-11	<b>July 28</b>	Bowling (Time TBA)
<b>July 3</b>	No Meeting	<b>July 31</b>	Book Study JP and Amanda to host
<b>July 10</b>	Romans 11-16		

## Faith and Fellowship

As we continue the summer months our refreshments will be light and refreshing. Do you have a special summer recipe to share? During August, we would like to try some of the cool and refreshing recipes that you may have hidden in a book or drawer.

On June 18<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the men of our church on Father's Day! Donuts with Dad! They will be available before and after the service.

On July 2 we will celebrate Independence Day with special decorations and maybe even a few extra treats.

Church picnic planning is still in the works. Please let us know if you have a special place you'd like to go to this year or if you would prefer to remain at the church again. Feel free to email me, Bev, at [bhennegan3@gmail.com](mailto:bhennegan3@gmail.com) for suggestions. We will look at some dates in August.

Your team,

Bev H, Beth M, Kate C, Doris T, Carole W, Faye

## Our 2023 Graduates

This year on June 11 in worship we will celebrate our graduates. We are so proud of our young people at St. Luke's for their diligence and perseverance in pursuing their education.

Dax Kempf graduated from Silver Creek High School and Prosser School of Technology. He may have special needs but we just think he's special. Dax plans to enjoy his summer and then enter into Erskine Green Technical Institute where he will specialize in Central Supply and then move into the workforce. The possibilities are endless with this young man and we are all excited to see what his future holds.

Emily Simms graduates from Charlestown High on June 7 where she was part of the STEM program. She is looking forward to attending IUS in early education. Emily's superpower is her kindness, especially for the underdog or anyone who is made to feel they are on the outside.

In addition to our high school graduates, we have two members who have earned their Master's Degrees. Thomas Beimrohr has earned his Master's in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University and Amelia Blankenbeker has earned her Master's in Speech Language Pathology from University of Louisville.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES  
AND BLESSINGS ON YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!!!!**



**2023 Vacation Bible School  
'Gone Fishin''**

Dear Parents and Kids,

We are excited to be partnering with First Presbyterian again for Vacation Bible School this year!! It will be held June 19-21, 2023 (6-7:30 PM) at First Presbyterian Church. Please feel free to invite all your friends!

This year's theme will be "Gone Fishin'". We will host the 3-day Bible School for kids of all ages, with plenty of fun lessons. The interactive lessons will be from both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

As the children participate in fun filled activities, kids will focus on how Jesus teaches us to live, what God is like and how to love and care for our family and friends. We will have lively songs, creative crafts, and best of all - SNACKS - all the things that make Vacation Bible School fun for kids.

Please come at 5:45 on Monday evening to register. If you would like a form to complete ahead of time, please contact the church office. Hope to see you all on June 20th. For further information or questions call Emily Cotner at 812-987-5056 or Sandy Locke from First Presbyterian at 502-594-6148.

Blessings,  
The VBS Planning Team



## June Birthdays

2nd Kate Chaney  
 3rd J.P. Schill  
 4th Emily Abernathy  
 7th Lois Bliss  
 11th Grayson Abernathy  
 15th Brandon Maloney  
 17th Jennifer Reid  
 21st Kirk Spencer  
 22nd Leiland Abernathy

## July Birthdays

1st Lilly Ferree  
 3rd Parker Hennegan  
 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 3 First Christian  
 June 10 St. Luke's  
 June 17 Cook Memorial  
 June 24 St. Augustine

## July Loaves and Fishes

July 1 St. John Paul  
 July 8 Larry & Lyda Abell Group  
 July 15 Wall St. UMC  
 July 22 Faith Lutheran  
 July 29 Matthew 14 Ministries

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

# St. Luke's Calendar

## June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				UCC Annual Gathering 1	UCC Annual Gathering 2	UCC Annual Gathering Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM 3
4 Worship, Receive Confirmands 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	5 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	6 NA 7 PM	7	8	9	10 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
11 Worship; Graduate Recognition 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	12 Cub Scouts 6 PM Loaves & Fishes 6 PM Finance/Property 6:30 PM	13 NA 7 PM	14	15	16	17 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
18 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	19 Cub Scouts 6 PM VBS 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	20 Church Council 6 PM VBS 6 PM NA 7 PM	21 VBS 6 PM	22	23	24 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
25 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	26 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	27 NA 7 PM	28	29 34th General Synod	30 34th General Synod	

# St. Luke's Calendar July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 34th General Synod Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
2 34th General Synod Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	3 Cub Scouts 6 PM	4 Church Office Closed NA 7 PM	5	6	7	8 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
9 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Elders Meeting 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	10 Cub Scouts 6 PM Finance/Property 6:30 PM Young Adults 8 PM	11 NA 7 PM	12	13	14	15 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
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