

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

August and September 2022

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. If you have any questions about the safety protocols that we are following to keep everyone safe, 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

Council President

Barney Harting

Church Administrator

Alecia Simonis

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.

Young Adults Mission and Ministry

The Young Adults have started their new group read: "How the Bible Actually Works" by Peter Enns, Professor of Biblical Studies at Eastern University in Pennsylvania. We will explore how the Bible leads us to wisdom rather than concrete answers, and why that is the "Good News." We will continue to meet Monday evenings at 8 PM at St. Luke's. Mark your calendars as we will be volunteering at Loaves and Fishes on August 20th. If you have any questions or want to get involved, please contact 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.

Pastoral Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

As we enter into late summer here at St. Luke's, we are engaged in strategic planning. That is a dry phrase for our most important task in these few months. We are seeking to discover God's will for St. Luke's at this stage of our congregational life. What is God's mission for us and how does God will for us to fulfill that mission?

As I write this letter it is Friday, July 22. Tomorrow, several church leaders will gather to articulate our mission and vision for the next 3 years. To what is God calling us? To new ministry? To change in established ministries? What will we look like as a congregation three years from now? These are questions that we will be prayerfully asking over the next few months. And listening and discerning God's will to the best of our ability, we will articulate answers to these questions.

As elder members of St. Luke's turn over the reins to newer and/or younger members, we are at a critical phase. Change is inevitable. Some ministries will be carried out differently. Some new ministries will emerge. Our relationship to our physical space will evolve.

Here is what will stay constant. God's love and guidance are with us. The congregation will continue to serve in the name of Christ. Christian hospitality will continue to be lived at the corner of Walnut and Maple.

I am intrigued to see what will emerge in our visioning process. Strategic Planning—what strategies will the Holy Spirit reveal to us that will enable us to live into God's Plan for us?

What I ask of each of you in this process is to examine your commitment to St. Luke's. What special role is God calling you to as a member or a friend of this church? What gifts do you have to offer Christ through this congregation? I am happy to meet with you to explore these questions. There is a place for every person here. Sometimes it can take some journeying to find that place and I am happy and blessed to journey with you.

One other thing I ask of each of you. Pray that God gives us his Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us in Luke 11:13 that God will give his Holy Spirit to those who ask him. So, ask. Ask God to give you the Holy Spirit. Ask God to give others the Holy Spirit. Ask God to give St. Luke's the Holy Spirit. Then we can walk forward together in the Holy Spirit, and we will be able more fully to serve in God's name.

Peace and grace to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Karen



Summer Music Fun

The musicians of St. Luke's were busy this Summer! The Choir led our congregational music and Janet Turner and Carol Johnson joined in on the piano and organ keyboards, bringing lots of joy to us all. We are blessed with so many talented musicians within St. Luke's. It is our hope that the music of St. Luke's this Summer provided an opportunity for reflection, meditation, worship, prayer, and jubilation. In between all the music we all had a few days off and if you recognize the Christmas picture above, you may have enjoyed our local Hoosier amusement park like my family did at Holiday World.

Fall Music Plans

Fall will be here before we know it. All the holidays that follow will bring many opportunities for music ministry at St. Luke's! St. Luke's Music Ministry will be in full swing with regular choir rehearsals, Sunday morning music, and some handbells and chimes as well. All are invited to participate and all are welcome. Please feel free to reach out to Neva Scott with questions about how you can be involved!

August/September Music Night Dates

	August 10	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	August 17	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
August 24	6 pm	Children/Youth	7 pm Choir Rehearsal
August 31	6 pm	Children/Youth	7 pm Choir Rehearsal
September 7	6 pm	Children/Youth	7 pm Choir Rehearsal
September 14	6 pm	Children/Youth	7 pm Choir Rehearsal
September 21	6 pm	Children/Youth	7 pm Choir Rehearsal
September 28	6 pm	Children/Youth	7 pm Choir Rehearsal

ST. LUKE'S UCC MUSIC MINISTRY

Sing your song to the
Lord!

Whether your song is as
the bird in the trees or
the simple rustle of the
leaves, Sing your song
to the Lord!

Lift your voice in scrip-
ture, call out the verses
of your youth.

Remember the Lord in
prayer, lifting up notes
of praise, Sing your
song to the Lord!

In moments of trials,
grief, and sorrow, the
Lord still hears your
voice. Sing your prayer
for justice, mercy, and
comfort to the Lord.
Sing your song to the
Lord.

Remember your broth-
ers and sisters in Christ,
never forgetting we are
each other's keepers
and holders. Sing their
songs to the Lord!

The Lord is your Shep-
herd, always present
and waiting.

Sing your song to the
Lord!

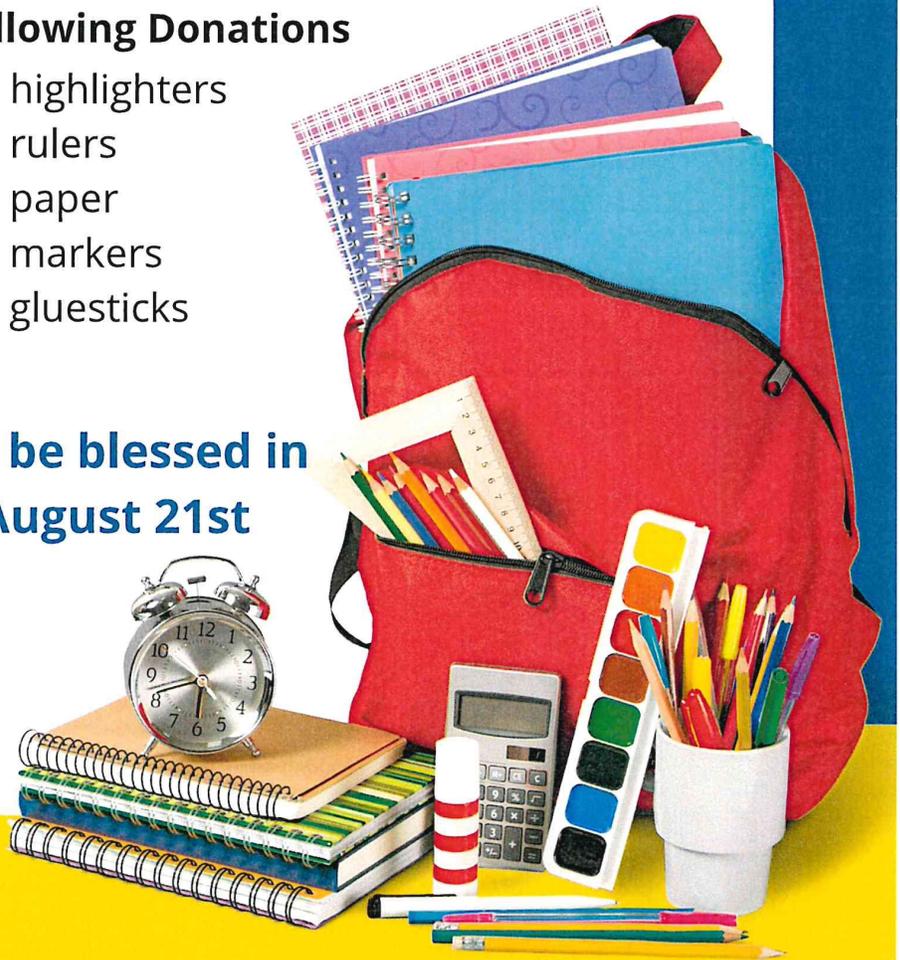
ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**BACK TO SCHOOL
SUPPLY DRIVE**
July 24th-August 21st

Accepting the Following Donations

- backpacks
- highlighters
- crayons
- rulers
- pencils
- paper
- folders
- markers
- notebooks
- gluesticks
- scissors

**All supplies will be blessed in
worship on August 21st**



**All donations will be given to local
schools to help students in need.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2002

Get ready for another school year
with prayer and blessings from St.
Luke's United Church of Christ.

Bring your backpacks and school
bags to church service to be blessed
by our congregation.





Greetings and Blessings to all, it is that time again to dust off your dirndls and lederhosen for another year with St. Luke's Oktoberfest celebration. Mark your calendars, spread the word, bring a friend, on September 24, 2022, we are planning on a bigger celebration than before.

This year's Oktoberfest is hopefully going to be bigger and better than last year; we will have the oom-pah band playing German favorites, great Oktoberfest beers on tap in the Bier Tent. Then let's talk about all that great food that we will be serving, homemade bratwurst and knockwurst, homemade German Potato salad, sauerkraut and more. It is time to start getting yourself ready and spreading the word to all your neighbors, friends, and family. We will need some help and will have plenty of opportunities to help with planning, preparing, serving, cleaning up and most importantly providing a superb Oktoberfest experience for Downtown Jeffersonville.

Danke und auf wiedersehen fur jetzt,

Barney Harting

All Church Clean Up Day

On August 20 we will have an All Congregation Clean-up and Loaves and Fishes Day. Our schedule will be as follows:

9-11 Outside clean up.

10-1 Loaves and Fishes--Preparation, serving and clean up.

1-3 Inside deep cleaning especially in the kitchen.

Please reserve the date and plan to be here for a day of work and fellowship.



Congratulations Graduates!



Thomas Beimrohr received his Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, specializing in Propulsion in May from Purdue University and will continue with his Masters work in the fall. He is interning at Raytheon this summer and applying for full time positions. He is looking forward to finding where he and Amelia get to move!

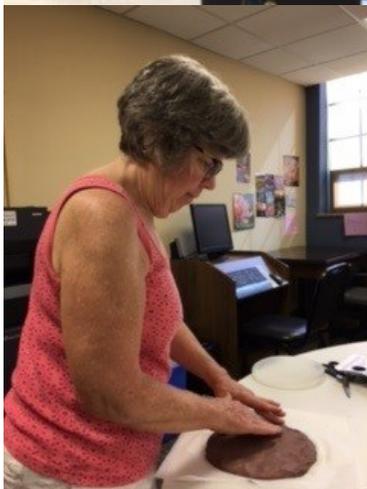
J.P. Schill graduated from Centre College with a bachelors degree in history with education. He graduated as a member of the Honor Society and National Leadership Association. J.P is currently working as a case manager with Pharmacord. He is looking forward to exploring his new city of Jeffersonville, Indiana, as well as becoming more involved in St. Luke's.

Catie Sorrell graduated from The University of Louisville in May 2022 with a Masters of Education in Counseling and Personnel Services with a concentration in College Student Personnel. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA and held leadership positions in the Graduate Association for Professionals in Student Affairs, Director of Finance, and Director of Community Engagement. She currently works full time at SIGS and in June started her new role as Director of Leadership Development. She hopes to pursue her Doctorate of Education in Leadership at Spalding University.

Rosie Sorrell received her Bachelors in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences and a minor in Clinical and Community Behavioral Health from Western Kentucky University. She started graduate school in June to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education, Learning and Behavior Disorders. She has been promoted to the Special Education teacher at Warren Elementary in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Claire Trinkle graduated with a Masters of Public Administration from DePaul University's School of Public Service. She completed a year's internship in the City of Chicago Office of Budget and Management where she redesigned the office website and did a study on the history of open data and government transparency in the city of Chicago. For the next year, she will be a Fulbright Scholar in Madrid, Spain teaching English at the Universidad Camilo José Cela. She will be making the pilgrimage of the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), a 500 mile, 35 day hike across Spain.

Fellowship at St. Luke's



St. Luke's Congregants,

Good Day and Blessings to all.

I am happy to report to you that there are a lot of things going on at St. Luke's, some you will see and some you will not see. The council has been very busy trying to make sure St. Luke's is continually postured for the future. We have really started to knuckle down on preparing a strategic plan for the church. A small but large cross-section of the congregation met for a planning session and we created a mission statement and a vision for the church. I can tell you that it was an amazing experience working on that with the group. More to follow on that as we need to run those by the full council and then present to the congregation. This will really help us as a congregation to provide the best of the best for serving Christ in Downtown Jeffersonville.

We have also been working hard to make sure we are staying within our budget as much as possible, as many have felt the pain from the current inflation, so are we at the church. If you could spare a few more dollars to help us cover the operating costs of the church, it would be wonderful.

Now we turn our focus on Oktoberfest, it will be on September 24, 2022. If you have any ideas, questions, etc. please let me know. We already have the tent reserved and band laid on, now we must start working on getting the food ready. Don't delay, volunteer today so you get the job you want, instead of having us put you to work someplace.

May God Bless each of you and may he watch over our humble corner on Maple and Walnut and help us continue to pass his word to others in the area.

Peace,

Barney Harting

Council President



Loaves and Fishes

St. Luke's next date to serve Loaves and Fishes is August 20. We will need 4-6 people to prepare and serve lunches. Please contact Steve Shetter or Carol Higdon if you are able to help.

As they retire from this particular ministry, we give heartfelt thanks to Steve and Jodi Shetter for their many years of service to Loaves and Fishes.

An Open Letter To St. Luke's members and friends

For a church to exist and thrive for over a century, that is remarkable. Today we need to ask ourselves why this has happened.

The world has changed. We no longer have small farmers and small business owners devoting their time and talents to our activities. We are today challenged by mass media that takes our children into places not necessarily healthy and family oriented. Our personal lives do not necessarily revolve around the activities of the church.

As a child growing up, I was raised in part by the other church members and given values that were consistent with others who were leaders. The Sunday school was full and fighting for space. Many adults were teachers of young people and while not necessarily highly educated, they showed a moral level that was good.

The leaders in the church were also leaders in the community. The Blankenbeker family, the Maloney-Horlander family, the Groher family, the Woehrle family, the Bliss-Tiemeier family, the Same family, the Schimppfs family, and also the Vissings. These groups of individuals contributed time and talents along with many others that helped me set my values and appreciate the role of St Luke's in our lives.

Those contributions of the past are a gift to those of us today who make up the body of St. Luke's. We can appreciate the work of those who preceded us and build on their efforts.

To hope that in 50 years St Luke's is thriving and a leader in our community requires us to take actions today to make certain commitments and sacrifices as our predecessors did. We need to keep a great minister and staff who engage the community as well as the congregation in meaningful ways with meaningful messages. It is not too early to begin contributing to the Staff Holiday gifts.

We met Saturday, July 24 to begin addressing the long-range needs of St Luke's. Planning is important in today's uncertain and evolving world. Let your needs and ideas be known so they can be incorporated into our plan. This is very important in order to further the gifts and hard work done by those who preceded us.

Jack Vissing

Chair of the Personnel Team

August Birthdays

2nd	Porter Kempf	Kelly Khuri	23rd	Molly Cotner	
3rd	Shelly Watson	13th	Sara Sharp	24th	Derek Ellis
6th	Sherry Stem	15th	Eden Kuhlenschmidt		Japa Buckner
7th	Raelyn Cardwell	16th	Malisa Morlen	30th	Janet Turner
9th	David Blankenkemper	19th	Becky Clements		Dwight Lindsay
11th	Stiles Poole	22nd	Becky Harting		
12th	Larry Enteman		Tracie Olivera		

September Birthdays

1st	Bonnie Sidebottom	10th	Brandon Reid	Mary Ann Jenkins	
	Kennedy Cozzin	11th	Justin Tarter	17th	Savannah Yatalese
6th	Jodi Shetter	12th	Todd Willenborg	19th	Angela Hensley
7th	Stephen Reas		Natalie Mabry	21st	Aaron Thornberry
	Dan Tucker	15th	Susie Burns	22nd	Bentlee Tarter
8th	Linda Godsey		Susan Altis	23rd	Barney Harting
9th	Bev Hurlbut		Elsie Kallbreier	26th	Eunice Oakes
	Carmon Cozzin	16th	Robert Tarter	28th	Sharon Thompson

August Anniversaries

3rd	Karen Barth & Japa Buckner
17th	Kirk & Winnie Spencer
18th	Jason & Emily Cotner
24th	Chris & Laura Runyon

September Anniversaries

28th	Brett & Faye Eades
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Please let the church office know if we have missed listing any birthdays or anniversaries.

August Loaves and Fishes

August 6	Wall St. UMC
August 13	Cook Memorial
August 20	St. Luke's
August 27	Larry & Lyda Abell Group

September Loaves and Fishes

September 3	First Baptist
September 10	St. James
September 17	First Presbyterian
September 24	St. Augustine

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 August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	2 NA 7 PM	3	4	5	6 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
7 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	8 Cub Scouts 6 PM Finance/Property 6:30 PM Young Adults 8 PM	9 NA 7 PM	10 Choir 7 PM	11 New Members Class 9:30 AM	12	13 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
14 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	15 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	16 Church Council 6 PM NA 7 PM	17 Choir 7 PM	18 New Members Class 9:30 AM Strategic Planning 6:15 PM	19	20 All Day Cleanup 9 AM Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
21 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scout Court of Honor 1 PM	22 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8 PM	23 NA 7 PM	24 Children & Youth Music 6 PM Choir 7 PM	25 New Members Class 9:30 AM Strategic Planning 6:15 PM	26	27 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
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