

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

August/September 2021

Sunday

Worship

10:00am.

Recorded services are available via Facebook.

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.

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

Eunice Oakes

Council President

Barney Harting

Church Administrator

Alecia Simonis

Loaves and Fishes

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

Young Adults Mission and Ministry

The Young Adults Mission and Ministry group had their first meeting on July 28. Beginning September 1, there will be weekly gatherings including refreshments, games, ice-breakers, and bible study. Please contact Amelia Blankenbeker or the church office with any questions you may have about this new and exciting ministry.

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.

Pastor's Letter

Greetings to you all in the name of our Teacher, Savior and Word, Jesus Christ,

Just like that it seems, I have already been at St. Luke's almost six months. The time has flown. As I have stepped into pastoral life here, I am continuing to get to know you both as individuals and as a church body. I am touched by what I find at St. Luke's—steady generosity which rises even higher in times of challenge, willingness to pitch in and participate in all the ministry happening here, readiness to enjoy fun times and dedication to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Good News that we are living into and sending out is blessing us in many ways.

Our **Children's Ministry** is thriving. Vacation Bible School brought together fifteen children and their families as well as a strong contingent of adult volunteers. Children's Church on Sunday is going well and our campers enjoyed a welcome stay at Merom this summer.

On July 9 we celebrated the life and legacy of our beloved **Doris Maloney** who died on July 4. Doris was 97 years young and her life of Christian love and service live on at St. Luke's. She will be missed by so many and I ask that you continue to hold her family in prayer during their time of grieving. This is a difficult blessing but a very important one in the life of our church.

St. Luke's has been awarded another **Indiana-Kentucky Conference Grant**, this one for emerging ministries that have been catalyzed by the pandemic. Emerging for us here at St. Luke's is a **Young Adult Mission and Ministry**. Amelia Blankenkemper took the lead in applying for this grant. We are blessed to receive \$3000.00 from the IKC and this has been matched by the church. We are kicking off this ministry with a July 28 meeting and will begin fellowship gatherings and worship in September. Congratulations to all who are visioning for faith and fellowship for our young adults.

In late summer we are beginning a **new community worship series**, *We Make the Road by Walking*, which we will explore at least until Advent and maybe beyond. We will engage in this series at the same time with several other area churches. **We will have an all-churches kick-off gathering at Chapel Lake Park at 3pm on August 22, 2021.** Please see the separate announcement about this gathering. There will be more opportunities for community engagement and fellowship as we walk this road together.

As we head into the fall, I look forward to all that we might harvest by our efforts of tilling, planting and tending here at St. Luke's. As our on-going ministries, especially Loaves and Fishes, continue to spread the Good News, I leave you with some words from our Vacation Bible School Theme Song.

Discovery on Adventure Island

*We go with hope, we go with trust, Joy in our hearts, we lift you up.
We go with love, we go with faith, 'Cause we are seeking Jesus face.*

*Discovery on Adventure Island, Knowing God will always guide us.
The Spirit leads, we'll go; Trusting Jesus, we will follow.
Discovery on Adventure Island, We will seek until we find
The Way, the Truth, and the Life on a quest for the light.*

We are on this adventure together and I am blessed to be yours in Christ,

Pastor Karen

St. Luke's UCC Music
Ministry
August/September 2021
Music Notes



Choir Returns!

It has been more than a year since the St. Luke's choir sang together. Our choir members have diligently continued to lead our music, but only individually or in very small groups. I am excited to announce that we will resume choir rehearsals Wednesday, September 8th at 7 pm in the Sanctuary at St. Luke's. We will utilize safety protocols, such as singing in the pews, as opposed to all returning to the loft at once, where there is little room for space. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases in the community and act in accordance of recommendations of the local health department and Church Council, understanding that the rule of these days is flexibility. All are welcome and I hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School- Discovery on Adventure Island!

To say we had a blast at Vacation Bible School would be an understatement! We had a record number of volunteers and children. We sang, made crafts, learned Bible stories, experienced science (magnets, color pinwheels, orienteering with a compass, and more), and danced. Thank you to everyone who made VBS a success. We have taken a few notes from the experience and will be incorporating these thoughts into the next session of Family Music Night (stay tuned for details).

Neva Scott

Music Director

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will meet on September 8, 2021 at noon. Please bring a sack lunch and drink and meet us in the Blankenbeker Room downstairs. All women are invited to lift our spirits, share ideas and enjoy fellowship. At this first meeting, we will decide our plans for our agenda for the year.

Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

Emily Abernathy graduated in 2020 from Campbellsville University with a bachelor's of science in business administration with an emphasis in healthcare management. She was inducted into Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Emily is considering graduate school to pursue a Master's of Science in Jurisprudence. Emily earned her degree while raising three children.

Kennedy Cozzin graduated this year from Henryville High School as well as Prosser Career Education Center. She graduated with a technical honors diploma while receiving her CNA, Dementia, and CPR and First Aid certification. She maintained a 4.0 GPS and is in the technical honor society. Kennedy plans to attend Bellarmine University in the fall to pursue her bachelor's degree and hopes to become a labor and delivery registered nurse.

Caimen Reid graduated in 2020 from high school. He will attend Indiana University Southeast in the fall.

Autumn Turner graduated this year from Jeffersonville High School with academic honors. Autumn plans to attend The University of Tampa to double major in cybersecurity and chemistry.

Oktoberfest

Mark your calendars and break out your dirndl and lederhosen for Oktoberfest at St. Luke's on September 25.

This year's Oktoberfest is back to normal as of now (with social distancing of course). We plan on having our bier tent outside with our great homemade bratwurst and knockwurst plus all the fixins. So it is time to start getting yourself ready and spreading the word to all your neighbors, friends and family. We will need some help, so please make sure you reach out and offer a bit of assistance, whether it is helping prepare for Oktoberfest, cooking, working in the country store, and the list goes on. Don't be shy, and help St. Luke's put on a wonderful Oktoberfest for our community.

Finance & Property Update

A failed part in the elevator's hydraulic system has been replaced. We are all hoping that the main problem with the elevator had been caused by the fatigue, and finally the failure of this piece! Since it's replacement, the elevator has been working properly. Occasionally we may have problems with relay switches, so we have a couple of those on hand in the event one of those may go bad.

Perhaps this fix will last for a while, but at least we've been able to kick that concern down the road for a while!

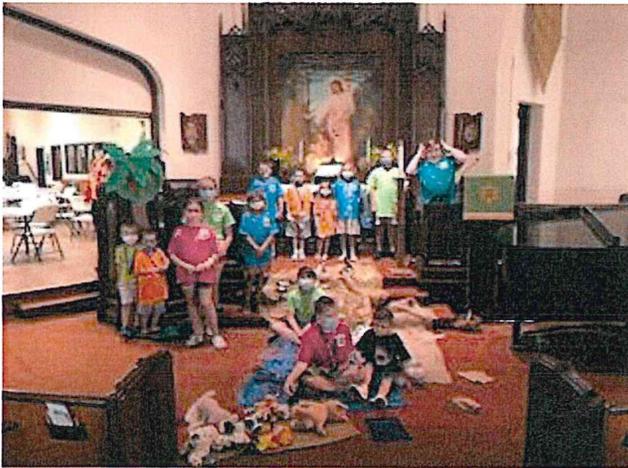
We Make The Road By Walking

Please join in the Kick-Off Gathering for *We Make the Road by Walking*, our community fall worship series, at Chapel Lake Park, 5801 New Chapel Rd. in Jeffersonville, on August 22 at 3pm. Bottles of water, Capri suns, popsicles, and nametags will be provided. Please bring your own chair. After a group prayer, those who want can walk the loop, while others can sit and visit as the children play. Churches participating together in this series are St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Wall Street United Methodist, Wesley United Methodist and First Christian in Jeffersonville, Park Christian in New Albany, and Corydon Christian in Corydon.

Children & Youth Ministry



A HUGE Thank you to everyone that made Vacation Bible School a success. We had 15 youth who attended. This years theme was Discovery on Adventure Island. The youth learned about Love, Trust, Faith, & Joy as we were on a Quest for God's great light.



On August 15th, we will be having Blessing of the Backpack for all students and teachers returning to school this year. Please bring your backpack or bag to church to have it blessed by the congregation.





August Birthdays

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

September Birthdays

1st	Bonnie Sidebot- tom	15th	Susie Burns Susan Altis
	Kennedy Cozzin		Elsie Kallbreier
6th	Jodi Shetter	16th	Robert Tarter
7th	Stephen Reas		Mary Ann Jenkins
	Dan Tucker	17th	Savannah Yatalese
8th	Linda Godsey	19th	Angela Hensley
9th	Bev Hurlbut	21st	Aaron Thornberry
	Carmon Cozzin		
10th	Brandon Reid	23rd	Barney Harting
11th	Justin Tarter	26th	Eunice Oakes
12th	Todd Willenborg	28th	Sharon Thompson
	Natalie Mabry	30th	Judy Steedly

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

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

August Loaves and Fishes

August 7	St. James
August 14	Wall St. UMC
August 21	Larry & Lyda Abell Group
August 28	First Baptist

September Loaves and Fishes

September 4	St. Luke's
September 11	Faith Lutheran
September 18	First Presbyterian
September 25	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 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship, Communion 10:00 AM	2	3 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
8 Worship 10:00 AM	9 Finance & Property Committee 6:00 PM	10 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM	11	12	13	14 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
15 Worship 10:00 AM	16	17 Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM	18	19	20	21 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
22 Worship 10:00 AM We Make the Road by Walking 3:00 PM	23	24 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM	25	26	27	28 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
29 Worship 10:00 AM	30	31 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM				

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			1	2	3	4 <i>Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM</i>
5 <i>Worship, Communion 10:00 AM</i>	6	7 <i>Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM</i>	8 <i>Women's Fellowship Brown Bag Lunch 12:00 PM</i>	9	10	11 <i>Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM</i>
12 <i>Worship 10:00 AM</i>	13 <i>Finance & Property Committee 6:00 PM</i>	14 <i>Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM</i>
19 <i>Worship 10:00 AM</i>	20	21 <i>Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM Oktoberfest 4:00 PM</i>
26 <i>Worship 10:00 AM</i>	27	28 <i>Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM</i>	29	30		

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