

# St. Luke's United Church of Christ

# Still Speaking

April and May 2023

## **Sunday Worship**

10:00am.

## **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 or 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 and  
Sarah Poole*

### Council President

*Kate Chaney*

### Church Administrator

*Alecia Simonis*

## **Young Adults Mission and Ministry**

The Young Adults are finishing up our Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. We will be doing a Bible study series on women in the Bible. Who are they? How are they characterized? How do we make sense of the violence they often face? We meet every Monday at 8:15 pm in the St. Luke's basement and on Zoom: <https://mtholyoke.zoom.us/my/emilycarle>. All young people ages 18-35 are welcome. No prior Bible experience required. Contact Student Pastor Emily Carle with any questions: 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](http://www.stlukes.cc). Or, you can mail your tithes and offerings to the church at 329 Walnut St. Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

Dear Friends and Family of St. Luke's,

Blessings to you, grace and peace through our brother and Savior, Christ Jesus. I've been contemplating the way that the apostle Paul began and shaped his letters to the believers in the churches throughout Asia Minor.

He **claimed** apostleship through the will of God. He **gave thanks** for all the believers. He **encouraged** them in their walk of faith. He **exhorted** them to let go of those things that separated them from Jesus and from each other.

It has been just over a year now since you called me as settled pastor at St. Luke's and I do **claim** that I was called into this role through the will of God.

I **give thanks** for you daily, my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am so grateful to be walking this Christian path with you and to be shepherding this flock. I am grateful that you are confident about taking up the things God is calling you to as members and believers. The Sausage Supper once again illustrated that you have particular skills for drawing people together, for giving everyone who wants one a role in what we are doing, for creating a sense of belonging and purpose.

I **encourage** you to keep on listening for God's calling for St. Luke's in this regard. We are in a time of generational change. Some of our most beloved and trusted members have had to step back or have passed on. So I **encourage** you older members to keep **encouraging** the younger ones to step forward and at the same time to let them claim their own way of doing things.

Our UCC constitution states, "The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world... ***It affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own*** in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God." (bold italics mine)

So I **exhort** each generation to cooperate with the others as we walk forward in our creative and redemptive work at St. Luke's. I see that happening in the confirmation classes; I see that as younger members step forward on the church council and in other roles and I am heartened by the love in this church.

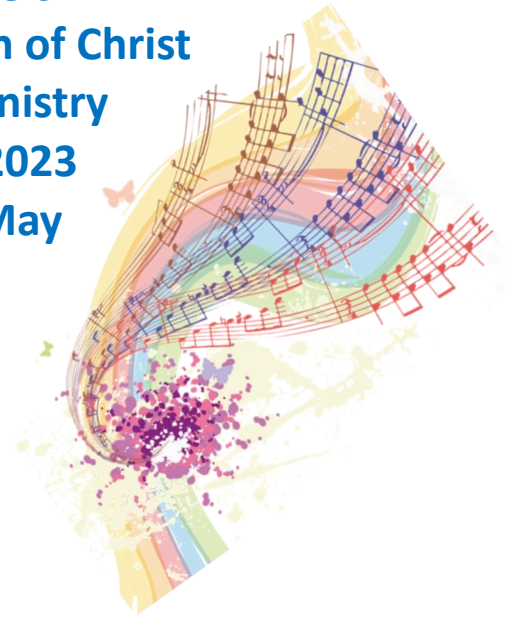
As we enter into Holy Week, I trust that the Holy Spirit will bless you each in some unique way as you contemplate Christ's death and look forward to the Resurrection

Peace and Grace with you this Spring,  
Pastor Karen





**St. Luke's  
United Church of Christ  
Music Ministry  
Spring 2023  
April/May**



**Choir Rehearsal Schedule  
Wednesdays 7-8 pm**

April 5  
April 12  
April 19  
April 26 (*early rehearsal 5:30*)  
May 3 *no choir rehearsal*  
May 10  
May 17  
May 24

**Family Music Night Spring Session  
Wednesdays 6-7**

April 5  
April 12  
April 19

**Sunday Morning Choir Warm-Up  
Each Sunday at 9:30 am**

**Upcoming Special Dates**  
April 2 – Palm Sunday  
April 9 – Easter

**Summer Favorite Hymns**

Please email us your favorite hymns. Just put Favorite Hymns in the subject line and feel free to make a list and send it along. Summer is a great time to sing favorites and we want to know yours!

Email Neva at [neva@polleyscott.com](mailto:neva@polleyscott.com) . If you would rather, just write them down on a piece of paper and drop it off at the office during the week, or bring it with you on Sunday and give to Neva.

**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!**

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

By the time this newsletter is out, we hope the carpet in the sanctuary will be installed. The pews will probably not be back, but that will not stop us from having services, even for Easter. On that note, there is still time to help with the funding of this huge project. For those who have already given, your generosity is greatly appreciated. For those who have not, it is never too late. No amount is too small.

Our adult class is still meeting after church and the young adult class on Monday nights. Anyone is welcome to join in. Confirmation class has started and Lenten reflections are available in our Thursday email. If you are not signed up to receive the email or newsletter on line, please let Alecia know to add you to the list.

Easter service will undoubtedly be memorable no matter where we meet or where we sit. Neva has special music planned that is certain to make this special time in the life of the church unforgettable. Our neighbors at First Presbyterian have invited us to join them at a sunrise service Easter morning. We will have a light breakfast available between that service and our worship time at St. Luke's.

You can read about all the other things going on at St. Luke's elsewhere in this newsletter. 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



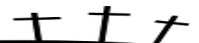
## Faith and Fellowship

We will be hosting **Muffins with Moms** on Sunday, May 14 before church. Come help us celebrate the mothers in our lives.

Keep an eye out for more information on other Refreshment Sundays during April and May.

### Easter and Holy Week Events

- Saturday, April 1                      Chad Boesker (First Christian Church) Ordination 11:00 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt 4:30 PM
- Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday  
Downtown Churches Blessing of the Palms 9:40 AM  
Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
- Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday  
Vegetarian Potluck with Communion, Foot Washing,  
and Hand Washing 7:00 PM (for planning purposes,  
please register at <https://bit.ly/3LX2fmz>)
- Friday, April 7, Good Friday  
Meditation in the Sanctuary 4:00 PM-6:00 PM  
Downtown Churches' Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM
- Saturday, April 8, Holy Saturday  
Confirmation Retreat 10:00 AM
- Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service at the Overlook 7:00 AM  
Light Breakfast 8:00 AM  
Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM



The Children and Youth will be having an Easter Egg Hunt at the church on Saturday, April 1 from 4:30-6:00 PM. Parents must stay with their children. Come and join in the fun!



Thunder Over Louisville is happening April 22. The youth will host their parking fundraiser again this year. The price per parking spot is \$20. If you would like to park at the church for the event, or would be interested in helping out, please contact Emily Cotner or Bev Hurlbut.

## Sausage Supper Recap

Friday February 24th was a momentous day, as it was the first time we were able to conduct our annual Sausage Supper in person and inside the church since the pandemic started. Although we did not have a record year, we did amazing and there were multiple people that were happy and excited that we were back to normal.

The last report that I got on the numbers for Sausage Supper were that we were almost over budget for earnings. This is a good thing to be over budget on, hopefully next year we will bust that cap and be over the earnings budget.

For meals we were off our best ever number of meals served (1025) but we came in at a favorable 759 total meals. I have records back to 2010 and our average meals served was 820, so you all need to pat yourself on the backs for a job well done.

The Country Store did amazing this year and brought in \$3852, which according to my records that is a record for the Country Store. Again, everyone who contributed to the Country Store, thank you and for Beth and her team, who ran the Country Store congratulations on a job well done.

The Silent Auction was probably the largest that I have seen with all the hard work done by Bev and her team they were able to fill the sanctuary with items to bid on and it was a success, and many people were really looking forward to the auction.

We budgeted earnings of \$20,150 on the last count of the pennies we were at \$19,075. We were still waiting on some monies to come in and hopefully we will make the budgeted amount.

Thank you all again, those who donated (time, money, food, etc.), those who worked (before, during, after), those who attended, invited people, etc. **JOB WELL DONE.**

Time to turn our focus to Oktoberfest 2023 and start thinking about Sausage Supper 2024.

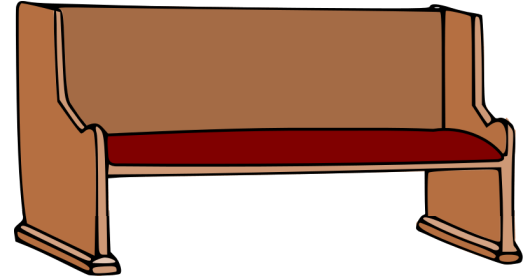
In Christ,

Barney Harting

Chairman for Sausage Supper



# SANCTUARY RENOVATION UPDATE



First I want to thank all that have given or pledged to give for this great project. Thanks to David and Jo Ellen who started this project by offering to pay for new carpet. When the finance and property team learned David and Jo Ellen were willing to pay for new carpet, we wondered if we wanted to stay with the orange color for another 40 years or get a new color. For St. Luke's future, we thought that a color change would be best if possible. Getting a new color would require recovering the pews. The price to recover and refinish the pews was about \$80,000. To make sure that we could be successful with this amount, we asked some members for a big donation pledge.

That put us in the \$50,000 range. We got a committee and decorator involved picking colors and council approval. It idea was brought to the November congregation meeting and approved. Since then, we have payment and pledges in the \$64,000 range. **Not every member has pledged or given to this great project. This is something that will benefit St. Luke's for many years. Please, if you have not pledged or given to this project, prayerfully consider doing so!**

We wanted this project to be completed by Easter. But we got started a little late, and the fabric backing has been delayed. My best guess now is that we will have refinished pews in our sanctuary in first part of May. The carpet is installed. Come see it.

**Thanks again to ALL that have given and pledged to this project. And I again ask any member that has not yet participated, please be a part of this project. We are looking for about another \$15,000. If you have \$1000, \$500, or \$100 to give that would be great. And if you can spare \$1 or \$5 each week, every dollar counts. Please mark that the gift or pledge is for the PEWS.**

Respectfully,

Mike Campbell

Property and Finance Chair





## April Birthdays

1st	Lindsey Heibert	19th	Robert Eby
2nd	Richard Abernathy	20th	Karen Spencer
6th	Nancy Mabry	21st	Tim Runyon
7th	Kerri Cline		Alison Riedling
8th	Steve Reinstedler	23rd	Dax Kempf
12th	Brett Eades	28th	Susan Vissing
16th	Mitch Khuri		Maxton Jefferson
18th	Charlie Smith, Jr.		

## April Anniversaries

2nd	Kaitlyn & Matt Mudd
11th	Ryan & Erica Jefferson
13th	Mike & Carol Campbell
25th	David & JoEllen Blankenbeker

## May Birthdays

1st	Billie Sue Parks	16th	Michael Bliss
	Haley Murphy	20th	Kathy Fox
2nd	Carole Watson		Kathy Gibson
3rd	Ann Swilley	21st	Keaton Abernathy
4th	Jim Hardaway	24th	Ellie Eades
	Linda Reinstedler	25th	Jason Turner
	Cynthia Runyon	28th	Cheryl Gettings
7th	Susan Heibert	29th	Jack Vissing
12th	Steve Blankenbaker	30th	Zach Blankenbeker
13th	Larry Hardaway	31st	Marty Lindsay
	Ben Hennegan		

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

## April Loaves and Fishes

April 1	Cook Memorial
April 8	Larry & Lyda Abell Group
April 15	St. John Paul
April 22	Wall St. UMC
April 29	Faith Lutheran

## May Loaves and Fishes

May 6	Matthew 14 Ministries
May 13	First Presbyterian
May 20	First Baptist
May 27	St. James

The Book of Golden Memories list is now available in its entirety on the St. Luke's website at [www.stlukes.cc](http://www.stlukes.cc).

# St. Luke's Calendar April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt 4:30 PM
2 Blessing of Palms 9:40 AM Palm Sunday Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	3 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8:15 PM	4 NA 7 PM	5 Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	6 Maundy Thursday Potluck & Service 7 PM	7 Good Friday Meditation 4 PM Stations of the Cross 5 PM	8 Confirmation Retreat 10 AM Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
9 Sunrise Service 7 AM Breakfast 8 AM Sunday School 9 AM Easter Worship 10 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	10 Cub Scouts 6 PM Finance & Property 6:30 PM Young Adults 8:15 PM	11 NA 7 PM	12 Women's Fellowship 12 PM Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	13	14	15 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
16 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	17 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8:15 PM	18 Church Council 6 PM NA 7 PM	19 Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	20	21	22 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM Thunder Parking
23 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	24 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8:15 PM	25 NA 7 PM	26 Choir 5:30 PM	27	28	29 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM

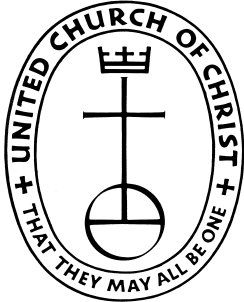
# St. Luke's Calendar May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 30 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	1 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8:15 PM	2 NA 7 PM	3 International Day of Prayer Gathering 5:30 PM	4 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM	5 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM	6 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
7 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	8 Cub Scouts 6 PM Finance & Property 6:30 PM Young Adults 8:15 PM	9 NA 7 PM	10 Women's Fellowship 12 PM Choir 7 PM	11 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM	12 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM	13 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
14 Muffins w/ Mom 9:30 AM Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Elders Meeting 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	15 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8:15 PM	16 Church Council 6 PM NA 7 PM	17 Choir 7 PM	18 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM	19 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM	20 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
21 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	22 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 8:15 PM	23 NA 7 PM	24 Choir 7 PM	25 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM	26 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM	27 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
28 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30 NA 7 PM	31 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM			

**ST. LUKE'S  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

329 Walnut St.  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Phone: 812-282-3383  
Email: stlukesucc@hotmail.com  
Website: stlukes.cc



*A friendly  
family of  
faith*

**Follow us on Facebook!**

**[www.facebook.com/stlukesjeff](http://www.facebook.com/stlukesjeff)**

**No matter who you are  
Or where you are  
On life's journey,  
*You're welcome here.***