

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

February and March 2024

Sunday

Worship

10:00am.

Recorded services are available via Facebook.

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.

Office Hours

9:30am-2:30pm

Monday, Wednesday,
and 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
Grant Oakes*

Council President

Kate Chaney

Church Administrator

Alecia Simonis

Social Media Outreach

We are building up our outreach through social media. In addition to sharing messaging gathered through our vision and mission statement planning, we're hoping to share as much as possible about the happenings and the people of St. Luke's. Please continue to share photos, stories, and more with Matt Mudd at 219-307-0072 or mecmudd@gmail.com.

Children and Youth

The Easter Egg hunt is set for Saturday, March 23, time TBA. More details will be shared with the community as we get closer. We would appreciate any candy, egg, or small toy donations!

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.

A Spirit of Invitation

Greetings to all of you in the name of our redeemer and teacher, Jesus Christ.

I thank God for each and every one of you here at St. Luke's. Your spirit of generosity and giving in ministry, your spirit of fun and dedication for our community meals, Sausage Supper, Oktoberfest, Loaves and Fishes, your spirit of inquiry in Adult and Young Adult scripture study are all aspects of St. Luke's where I see us living out Christ's call to discipleship.

This year, my pastoral theme is "*A Spirit of Invitation.*" And I invite each of you to take up this spirit at St. Luke's in 2024. Christ invites all into his love and redemption. And in turn, I want each of us to contemplate and act on how we can further this spirit of invitation at St. Luke's.

Women's Fellowship reaches out to the Bliss House and the Youth Shelter. How can you further that invitation? Loaves and Fishes reaches out to those in need of food and now the clothing ministry has furthered that invitation. How can you further that invitation? Our Music Ministry reaches out in song and furthers that by offering Family Music Night. Young Adults provides a place of spiritual deepening for those 18-35. How do we and how can we further our invitation at St. Luke's?

One way is by taking the welcome packets that we have available out into the community. Extend a personal invitation to people to come and worship with us, come and learn how to make sausage, come and sing with us, come and dine with us.

As we enter into our Lenten Season, we look forward to Palm Sunday on March 24 and Easter on March 31. Let us remember and live into Christ's love for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus invites us into unity with the Divine. "On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." John 14:20 As we invite others into the love we know in Christ, that unity becomes more and more apparent to us and more attractive to others. Living in Christ's love, we are blessed to be given that spirit of invitation. Let us rejoice together at St. Luke's

May the peace and grace of Christ be with you as we celebrate God's love together.

You're Invited!

Pastor Karen





St. Luke's Music Ministry



February/March 2024



Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Special Joint Choir Rehearsal
at First Christian (Middle Rd.)
February 7th at 6:30 pm

Wednesdays 7-8 pm
at St. Luke's
February 21
February 28
March 6
March 13
March 27

Family Music Night

Chimes, Craft, Singing
Wednesdays 6-7

February 21
February 28
March 6
March 13
March 27

*No Wednesday music activities March 20th (Spring Break)
Ash Wednesday Service will take place of music activities February 14th.*

Sunday Morning Choir Warm-Ups

Each Sunday at 9:30 am



Choir Special Music Notes

The choir will share special music during these services.



Ash Wednesday Service

February 14th 7 pm

Joint Service at St. Luke's UCC with First Christian

Palm Sunday Service

March 24th 10 am

Easter Service

March 31st 10 am

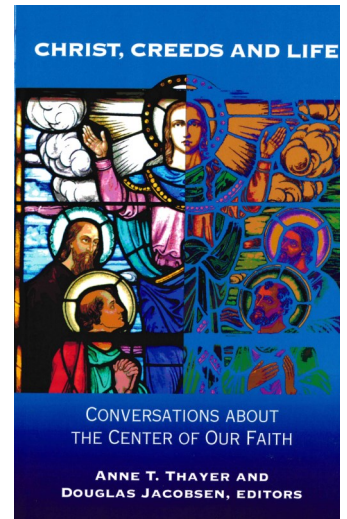
St. Luke's United Church of Christ
329 Walnut Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130
www.stlukes.cc (812) 282-3383



From the St. Luke's Library

**Christ, Creeds and Life;
Conversations about the Center of Our Faith**
by Anne T. Thayer and Douglas Jacobsen, Editors.
United Church Press, 2017

I am focusing on one book this month because of its importance to us as members of a United Church of Christ congregation. We have a creed which can be found in our hymnal and referenced on the next page in the newsletter. This book is the story of why the words and phrases of the UCC creed were selected. Each phrase of the creed is focused in a chapter. Chapters describe a little of the history phrase, then provide support for the inclusion of that phrase in the UCC Creed through excerpts from earlier creeds, books of worship, written covenants, and the hymns we sing. This book is intended for group study, although I enjoyed reading it as a stand alone. The library does have multiple copies available.



Welcome to our 2024 Church Council

Kate Chaney, Council President

Jeremy Eiler, Spiritual Life

Barney Harting, Vice President

John Scott, Finance & Property

Bev Hurlbut, Secretary

Matt Mudd, Missions & Growth

Carol Johnson, Treasurer

Emily Cotner, Children & Youth

Kerri Cline, Financial Secretary

Carmon Cozzin, Faith & Fellowship

David Blankenbeker, Personnel

Sara Sharp, Youth Representative

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith



We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen

ST. LUKE'S UCC

ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER

When? Friday, February 23, 2024, from 11 to 1 for lunch (with free delivery to your home or business upon request) and 4 to 7 for dinner.

How Much? Lunch and dinner are \$14.00 and \$8 for children, veterans, fire, and police.

What can I do? We need a lot of help with this event, and we can use people of all ages. Starting with items for the Silent Auction and the Country Store. Start bringing those items in and see Bev H for the Silent Auction and Beth M for the Country Store. These are easy ways to help support the church for the Sausage Supper. Now for all the fun things. Starting on February 17, we need people to show up to help us make the sausage, this entails cutting the meat, turning casings, stuffing sausage, tying links, cleaning up, and more. Wednesday, helping with potatoes, getting them all prepared for Thursday when we peel them and make the potato salad, cheesy potatoes, and other items. Then Friday we need ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK. We need workers for the lunch crowd, deliveries, carryout, cleaning, cooking, running, and more. We will need as many if not more for dinner, to help with cooking, cleaning, serving, carryout, running, and more. The last thing we need for Friday is a crew of people to help clean up from the Sausage Supper and get the church back into shape for Services on Sunday.

Spreading the word... we need everyone to tell your neighbors, the local establishments you frequent, share the Facebook event, <https://www.facebook.com/events/3202547860052176>, and grab a yard sign for your yard.

What is on the menu? Fresh-made St. Luke's Smoked Sausage, Fried Fish, Famous Homemade German Potato Salad or Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans and Cole Slaw, Fresh Homemade Baked Breads, Applesauce, and an array of Homemade Desserts. If you notice, there is a recurring theme...HOMEMADE.

Country Store... Again, there is an array of HOMEMADE items to purchase from home-made candies, craft items (I hear the homemade dish rags are amazing), breads, and more...oh I almost forgot we will have the Famous St. Luke's Smoked Sausage for sale, so you can enjoy throughout the year.

Silent Auction... Make sure you visit the sanctuary and bid on the items, every year there are so many items for everyone to bid on, and hopefully, win great things to take home. We typically have everything from A to Z there and everyone can find something they can bid on.

Hope to see you all there,
Barney Harting, Sausage Supper Chairperson

February Birthdays

2nd Mary Arbuckle
Vickie Eby
5th Carol Campbell
Cathy Mabry
6th Dolly Pangburn
Love Phan
Joey Watson
9th Kelley Curran
12th Kara Emly
Karen Barth
13th Harold Frame
Kim Hensley
Kelsey Mathes
Marge Cenower
Steffanie O'Neal
22nd Emily Simms
23rd Cindi Roberts

March Birthdays

1st Sarah Poole
7th Mike Campbell
8th Amy Kempf
9th JoEllen Blankenbeker
11th Amanda Flatt
13th Jack Ellis
14th Bowie Wimberly
18th Todd Smith
Colleen Willenborg
Bruce Eby
19th Pat Barrow
William Cotner
23rd Carolyn Cardwell
Julie Thornberry
25th Sandy Smith

February Anniversaries

14th Ken & Susan Heibert
Steve & Linda Reinstedler
Barney & Becky Harting
Stephen Ruffra & Faith Steele
16th Keith & Malisa Morlen

March Anniversaries

21st Charles & Sherry Stem

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

February Loaves and Fishes

February 3 ROTC
February 10 Tri Kappa
February 17 First Presbyterian
February 24 First Christian

March Loaves and Fishes

March 2 St. James
March 9 First Baptist
March 16 St. Augustine
March 23 St. Luke's
March 30 Abell Group

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 February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
4 Worship, Communion 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	5 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM	6 Liturgist Training 6:30 PM NA 7 PM	7 St. Luke's and First Christian Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	8	9	10 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
11 Worship 10 AM Congregational Meeting 11 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	12 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM Finance & Property 6:30 PM	13 NA 7 PM	14 Women's Fellowship 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service at St. Luke's 7 PM	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 Young Adults 6 PM	20 Church Council 6 PM NA 7 PM	21 Family Music Night 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	22	23 Sausage Supper 11 AM	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 6 PM	27 NA 7 PM	28 Family Music Night 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	29		

St. Luke's Calendar March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
3 Worship, Communion 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	4 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM	5 NA 7 PM	6 Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	7	8	9 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
10 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Elders Mtg 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	11 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM Loaves & Fishes 6 PM Finance & Property 6:30 PM	12 NA 7 PM	13 Women's Fellowship 12 PM Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	14	15	16 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
17 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	18 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM	19 Church Council 6 PM NA 7 PM	20	21	22	23 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 PM
24/31 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 11:30 AM Boy Scouts 4 PM	25 Cub Scouts 6 PM Young Adults 6 PM	26 NA 7 PM	27 Family Music Night 6 PM Choir 7 PM	28	29	30 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

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