

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Still Speaking

November/December 2020

Sunday

Worship

10:00am.

If you are *unable to attend*, services are available via Facebook.

Virtual Worship at St. Luke's

Though in-person services have resumed, you will still be able to watch services virtually on our St. Luke's United Church of Christ Facebook page. at 10am 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

10am-1pm

Monday—Friday

Weekly Happenings

As we begin to open up the church, more events will be happening in the building. There will also be occasional check-ins via Zoom.

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

Music Director

Neva Polley Scott

Accountant

Cindy Scroggins

Custodians

Carole Watson

Eunice Oakes

Council President

David Blankenkemper

Church Administrator

Alecia Simonis

Loaves and Fishes

St. Luke's serves Loaves and Fishes on December 26. We will need 4-6 people to prepare and serve lunches. Please contact Steve Shetter if you are comfortable and able to help.

Church Donations

Thank you to all of you have sent in your pledges and donations to St. Luke's over the past weeks. If you are able to 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.

President's Message

Oct. 19, 2020

Dear Ones,

Time passes quickly even during unprecedented times such as this year of COVID-19. Oktoberfest was a great success given the limitations of the pandemic. The drive-thru worked better than expected and we ran completely out of food before 6:30. Thanks to everyone involved who helped, the list is too numerous to mention everyone but a special thanks to Barney for heading this up.

The pastoral search committee has completed and submitted the Church profile. On the very first day, we received two applications with resumes. Pastor Laura Green has done a great job. October 25 was her last Sunday with us. Rev. Karen Barth will take most of November from pastoral supply. Carol Higdon is working hard to fill the Sundays until the new Pastor is called. I hope you are able to watch and participate via Facebook. This is live at our usual 10 a.m. time on Sundays, but can also be viewed later.

The annual business meeting has been set for the 22nd of November. We need at least 25 adult member attendees to have an official meeting and to approve the budget. We have been close to that on recent Sundays and some 50 members have attended at one time or another. It might be possible to set up a zoom meeting in addition to the Facebook broadcast in order to make the meeting conform to the Church constitution. If you are comfortable, please attend in person if you are not "at risk". All protocols will still be in place.

Jack Vissing has stepped up to lead the Stewardship campaign. It is now more important than ever for each of us to give what we can and to pledge what we can. It is not possible to draft a budget without knowledge of everyone's giving. When you receive your pledge card in the mail, please fill it out and return it as soon as you can. I want to thank everyone for continuing their financial support of the Church.

Another topic for our business meeting will be nominations. The Council selected myself, Amy Kempf and Shelly Watson for the nominating committee. If anyone would like to serve on the Council or a church committee, please let one of the three of us know as soon as you can.

With god's love and compassion,

David R. Blankenbeker,

Council President

St Luke's Annual Stewardship Campaign for 2021

Dear Fellow Christians:

As we read the Bible, we read the stories of our ancestors fleeing the evils of Egypt and Plagues that followed them and always took them in a historic prospective. Now in 2020 we are more appreciative of their miseries. Now while we do not anticipate plagues of locusts or other punishments from God for disobedience, we do have a new understanding of what it means to have events change your life outside of your control.

Being separated for reasons of health seems unimaginable to us. It however is true. We need the church. We need the companionship, the contact, the care of each other, the reliance on our brethren, and society. It seems that in 2021 going forward we may be challenged to keep St Luke's evolving into new ways of giving care and support to each of us.

The need of St Luke's to our congregation and to the community we serve has never been more challenging. Now the way we serve may be changing. The need for contact with the church and its members is more, rather than less in trying times. We must rely on electronics to keep contact, rather than a hug or some personal touch. This is a challenge. It is also a learning process. New ways for new days.

The contributions to the finances of the church have been diminished by the lack of personal contact. The needs of the Church have never been greater since leaving Egypt. I ask each of us to make and keep a pledge to St. Luke's to keep up the physical building, the staff and the missions, financed to do the work of the Lord. Please fill out and return your pledge card. Return it by mail, in person or phone the church office. The importance of your active participation cannot be overstated.

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible to allow the council to prepare a budget that will hopefully include a new full-time pastor, funds permitting. The budget will be presented for adoption on November 22.

In Christ's name,

Jack Vissing

St. Luke's UCC Music
Ministry
November 2020
Music Notes



Worship, Celebration, and Fellowship through Music

November brings cooler temps outside, but warm sentiments in our music ministry at St. Luke's. Do you find yourself thinking what will the holidays be like this year? What will we do? How will we celebrate with our families, worship with our church, sing our favorite holiday carols and hymns? While we may not know exact answers to all these questions, consider these verses:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:17

Through the words in the Bible, God sends you words of strength and freedom. These are unconditional gifts offered to all without limitation. We can do ALL things through Christ. We have FREEDOM in the Spirit of the Lord. We may not do everything in the way we usually do, but we have no limitations when it comes to our ability as a community at St. Luke's to **Worship, Celebrate**, and share in the **Fellowship** of Christ together this Season. So, I invite you to keep those warm sentiments that you might associate with the coming holidays and bring those to worship opportunities at St. Luke's. Whether you worship, celebrate, and fellowship from your home or in the building at St. Luke's on Maple and Walnut - Bring your spirit with you and let's share in this time together. We need not wait. Now is the time to share in this journey together.

Stay tuned for live music sessions on Facebook, worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook live on Sundays at 10, and special moments to commemorate every holiday this season. For everything there's a season (even in 2020)!

Blessings to You Always In Christ,

Neva

Music Director
St. Luke's United Church of Christ



Advent Candle Lighting 2020
St. Luke's United Church of Christ

November 29, 2020

Candle of Hope

December 6, 2020

Candle of Peace

December 13, 2020

Candle of Joy

December 20, 2020

Candle of Love

December 24, 2020

Christ Candle



Please join St. Luke's UCC in the lighting of the Advent Candle this holiday season as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. Whether you join us for in-person services, live on Facebook, or in spirit from your own home, please share in this time of preparation with us. Each week we will focus on one concept and light a candle as we light the way for love in our hearts.

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***No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey, you're welcome here!***

The Christmas Fund Offering

The Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross is a special Mission offering that congregations have been supporting for over 100 years. Funds provide direct financial support to those who serve the Church and are facing financial difficulties. Active and retired clergy, lay employees, and their surviving spouses. We will receive this offering December 20, 2020.

Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's Oktoberfest so successful!



November Birthdays

1st	Erin Reid	19th	Kathie Miller
3rd	Lucas Hennegan		Brian Mabry
4th	Sandra Byars	20th	Megan Koehler
	Carol Higdon		Ken Heibert
7th	Amelia		Jeff Thornberry
	Blankenbeker	21st	Wes Scott
11th	Susie Pope	23rd	Rylan Byars
	Denise Hicks	27th	Neva Scott
12th	Kris Steele	28th	Agnes Ward
13th	Anna Tarter	29th	Caimen Reid
17th	Jeff Turner		Paula Densford
18th	Ellie Thornberry	30th	Bridget Anson

December Birthdays

1st	Drew Ellis	19th	Rachel Byars
	Bud Jenkins	22nd	Beth Maloney
3rd	Marvin Bliss	24th	Emily Cotner
4th	Atlas Phan		Mary Beth
6th	Becky Haxton		Woehrle
9th	Steve Lopp	25th	Jimmy Hardaway
11th	Jacob Harting		Steve Hensley
13th	Erica Jefferson		Rosie Sorrell
16th	Peggy Hardaway	26th	Savannah Spencer
	Todd	28th	Bill Maloney
	Willenborg, Jr.	30th	Kaitlyn Maloney
18th	Keith Spencer		

November Anniversaries

1st	Jack & Susan Vissing
3rd	Jeff & Julie Thornberry
9th	Jason & Tonya Smith
23rd	Larry & Peggy Enteman

December Anniversaries

11th	Derek & Jennifer Ellis
23rd	Steve & Angela Hensley

November Loaves and Fishes

7th	Larry & Lyda Abell	28th	St. James
14th	Faith Lutheran		
21st	St. Augustine		

December Loaves and Fishes

5th	St. John Paul
12th	Wall Street UMC
19th	Cook Memorial
26th	St. Luke's



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 November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 End Daylight Savings Time Worship 10:00 AM	2 Preschool 9:00 AM	3 Election Day Preschool 9:00 AM NA 7:30 PM	4 Preschool 9:00 AM	5 Preschool 9:00 AM	6 Preschool 9:00 AM	7 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
8 Worship 10:00 AM	9 Preschool 9:00 AM Loaves & Fishes Steering Committee 5:30 PM	10 Preschool 9:00 AM NA 7:30 PM	11 Preschool 9:00 AM	12 Preschool 9:00 AM	13 Preschool 9:00 AM	14 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
15 Worship 10:00 AM	16 Preschool 9:00 AM	17 Preschool 9:00 AM NA 7:30 PM	18 Preschool 9:00 AM	19 Preschool 9:00 AM	20 Preschool 9:00 AM	21 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
22 Worship 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting 11:00 AM	23 Preschool 9:00 AM	24 Preschool 9:00 AM NA 7:30 PM	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 Loaves & Fishes 11:30 AM
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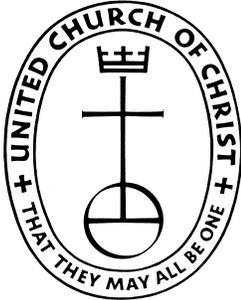
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27 Worship 10:00 AM	28	29 NA 7:30 PM	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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