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Sunday Service Times

Adult Sunday School 9:00

Worship Service 10:00

Children's Church 10:15

(during Worship hour)

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Spiritual Council Update

The Spiritual Council held its final meeting of 2024 on December 18th. This meeting also marked the conclusion of Keith Portell's term on the Council, as his service comes to an end this year. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Keith for his dedicated service and leadership over the past several years. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to use Keith in new areas of leadership within the church.

In the coming weeks, we will announce the date for the next "Discover St. Luke" class. If you are interested in learning more about our church and its mission, as well as about the broader denomination, please reach out to Pastor Tim, Jeremy Gray, or any member of the Spiritual Council.

The Spiritual Council remains committed to ensuring that everyone who desires to partake in communion has the opportunity to do so. We are especially focused on finding ways to include our children's ministry workers. This past month, we had the privilege of holding separate communion services for our nursery workers and Sunday School teachers. Our ongoing goal is to offer a larger communion service that includes the entire church body. One idea we're working on is serving communion at the beginning of the service, before the children are dismissed. This would allow most our children's ministry workers to partake together, and it would also enable children who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ to participate in communion with the guidance of their parents.

Finally, please be in prayer for one another during this season of reflection. As we look back on the year and consider our families, friends, and the events that have shaped us, let us also pray that God will continue to work powerfully in our church as we move into 2025. The start of a new year is a wonderful opportunity to set spiritual goals. Perhaps this is the year to commit to a Bible reading plan or to complete a devotional throughout the year.

Jude verses 20-21: "But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life."

Missions Committee

On December 2, a group of nine volunteers headed for Denver on the CCC bus to volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center. They arrived that evening and worked at the Denver Distribution Center the next three afternoons. There were four from St. Luke's and five were from local churches in Odessa, Napoleon and Independence. It was far from a routine trip however, as driver, Alvin, experienced a medical issue. As we prayed prior to their departure, God took care of the situation and put some amazing friends, formerly from the Wellington and Lexington area there to provide great assistance. A former St. Luke member, Jim Minter, (Darl and Myrtle Minter's youngest son) and his wife, Renee, not only hosted the group

for lunch one day, but on several occasions provided assistance with last minute transportation issues. Jim and Renee are Denver area residents and have hosted other St. Luke OCC volunteers in the past. All who have witnessed and experienced their kind hospitality are very grateful and thankful for their altruistic assistance over the years and especially this year! A special thanks also to Alvin, Ron, and Karen for handling all the responsibilities!



L to R: Karen Edmunds, Dorothy Friedrich, Janis Lohsandt-Winkler, Emily Johnson, Ron & Darla Deatherage, Bonnie Kohlstaedt, Jeanette & Alvin Niendick



Dorothy, Karen and Bonnie checking box contents, then taping for input into appropriate box by sex and age group.



Emily, Bonnie, Darla, Janis, Karen, Ron and Dorothy

Community Affairs



**Second
Wednesday
Supper**
January 8th
5-7pm - CCC
Cafe
Baked Potato, Pulled
Pork, Chili, Broccoli,
Cheese, Bacon,
Butter/Sour Cream,
Grapes, Sheet Cakes

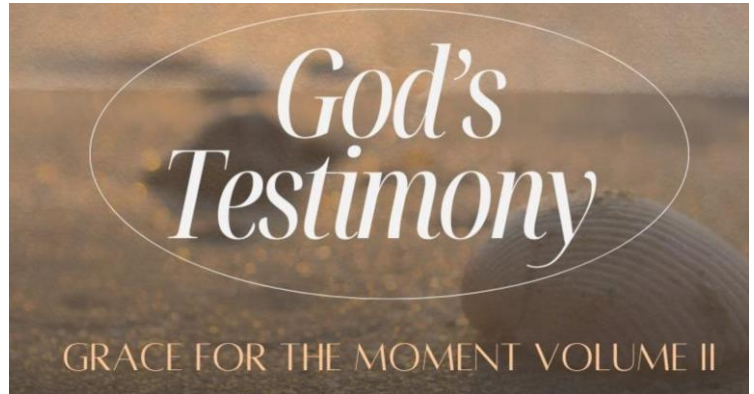
Church Business

- Annual reports from councils and committees are due to Cheryl Dickey (cheryldr@gmail.com) no later than January 7th.
- St. Luke annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday after church on January 26, 2025.
- There is a need to replace Cheryl as newsletter editor beginning in late March starting with the April Newsletter. Please let her or the church office know if you might be willing to help with this.

Humor Corner

- I entered 10 puns in a contest to see which would win. No pun in ten did.
- What do you call a hippie's wife? Mississippi
- What is a prize you can win for aging? Atrophy
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away, if you throw it hard enough.

DEVOTIONAL



The testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple.

Psalm 19:7 NKJV

A small seed becoming a towering tree.
A thin stalk pushing back the earth.
A rainbow arching in the midst of the thundercloud. . .
“God’s testimony,” wrote David, “makes wise the simple.”

God’s testimony. When was the last time you witnessed it? A stroll through knee-high grass in a green meadow. An hour listening to seagulls or looking at seashells on the beach. Or witnessing the shafts of sunlight brighten the snow on a crisp winter dawn. . . .

There comes a time when we should lay down our pens and commentaries and step out of our offices and libraries. To really understand and believe in the miracle on the cross, we’d do well to witness God’s miracles every day.

No Wonder They Call Him the Savior





- 01/03 Maxine Flucke
- 01/06 Scott Dickey
- 01/06 Jenna King
- 01/07 Alberta Block
- 01/07 James Haik
- 01/08 Kara Walters
- 01/08 Mike Zykan
- 01/09 Joel Larson
- 01/11 Brantley Niendick
- 01/12 Charlene Beissenherz
- 01/13 Erin Cullen
- 01/14 Mark Dickey
- 01/16 Mark Friedrich
- 01/17 Ryan Kawelaske
- 01/24 Lauren Ahmann
- 01/25 Don Campbell
- 01/26 Shelly Nieweg
- 01/27 Sheri Beissenherz
- 01/27 Pauline Tilly
- 01/28 Brandie Walters
- 01/29 Joyce Block
- 01/31 Donna Fahrmeier



But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.
 1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV

Current Shut-Ins

Louise Block

Parkway Assisted Living, Rm 426
 550 NE Napoleon Drive
 Blue Springs, MO 64014

Charlene Beissenherz

Parkway Assisted Living, Rm 405
 550 NE Napoleon Drive
 Blue Springs, MO 64014

Judi Block

Parkway Memory Care, Apt. 1
 550 NE Napoleon Drive
 Blue Springs, MO 64014

Phyllis Soendker

Oak Grove Nursing 7 Rehab.
 2108 SW Mitchell St.
 Oak Grove, MO 64075

Mary Lou Lieneke

Meyer Care Center
 1201 W. 19th Street
 Higginsville, MO 64037

Special Birthday Mentions

01/03/40	Maxine Flucke	Happy 85th!
01/07/34	Alberta Block	Happy 91st
01/12/34	Charlene Beissenherz	Happy 91st!

Special Anniversary

Ronald & Joan Fahrmeier 01/03/1970 55 Years!



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If any of you are having trouble, **PRAY.**
 If you are happy, **SING PSALMS.**
 JAMES 5:13 GW

JANUARY 2025

ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, WELLINGTON, MO

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Children's Church: 10:15 during the worship hour

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day!	2 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level	3	4
5 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class—2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC	6	7 Year End Committee Reports Due to Cheryl Dickey	8 6-7:30pm— AWANA Kids— CCC 2 nd Level 5pm-7pm—2 nd Wednesday Supper Lower Level CCC	9 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level	10	11
12 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class—2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC	13	14	15 6-7:30pm— AWANA Kids— CCC 2 nd Level	16 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level	17	18
19 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class—2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22 6-7:30pm— AWANA Kids— CCC 2 nd Level	23 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level	24	25
26 Annual Church Meeting following Service 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class—2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC	27	28 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Young Couples Gathering CCC Bottom Level	29 6-7:30pm— AWANA Kids— CCC 2 nd Level	30 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level	31	

Happy New Year!