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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

In the past month, the Spiritual Council has been focused on preparing for our annual meeting. Earlier this month, we collaborated with the Church Council to review and finalize changes to our constitution and bylaws, which were then presented to the congregation. For more detailed information on this meeting, please refer to the Church Council's report.

During the annual meeting, we discussed our intent to move forward with the development of ministry plans throughout 2025. The goal of these plans is to align our ministries more effectively towards sharing the gospel. We aim to illustrate how each member's role within the church body is crucial in spreading the message of Jesus Christ. For instance, those who serve in the nursery do more than just provide childcare; they demonstrate to young children that the church is a place of safety and love. This ministry also allows parents to engage fully in worship and learning, knowing their children are well-cared for. We believe this model can be applied to all ministries within our church.

To kick off this initiative, next month we will hold a workshop to draft a ministry plan for the Spiritual Council, guided by Pastor Tim. Following this, we will work on a plan for the Church Council. After refining our approach through these initial plans, we hope to extend our support to other ministries in creating their own strategic outlines.

We look forward to these developments and thank you for your continued support and participation.

Jeremy Gray



**But I trust your mercy.
My heart finds joy in
your salvation.**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

2024 was our 142nd year! Our church history says: “On June 10, 1882, this group of Christians adopted a constitution and thus become organized under the name of St. Luke’s Evangelical Church.” We are grateful for all that has been accomplished for the Glory of God at this church over those many years; and with equal gratitude and joyful hearts we especially look forward to all that will be done here at St. Luke for His Glory in 2025 and all the years to come.

Looking back at 2024, it was a good year, but a year brought some changes. In April Chris Middleton departed to serve as Senior Pastor at his church in Johnstown, Colorado. Chris, Jen and family will long be missed. Fortunately, within just a few weeks Tim Perrin accepted the call to serve as interim pastor and he and Patti moved to Wellington. What a blessing they have been to St. Luke, because as the search for a new Senior Pastor goes on St. Luke has benefited from Tim’s many years of experience. He brings an emphasis and teaching on Gospel culture and discipleship that will benefit us going forward.

Another significant change is a new face in the Office Administrator position. In mid-year Christi Johnson accepted the position that was filled so effectively by Linda Dorsch for so many years. Linda and Christi have worked together beautifully for a seamless transition as Linda has shared her broad knowledge and experience at St. Luke.

Several physical projects were completed during the year. The stained-glass windows were cleaned, hairline cracks were repaired, and new protective coverings were installed. The roof on the sanctuary as well as the roof on the CCC were replaced, necessitated by a spring hailstorm that hit the campus.

Before the Perrin’s arrived the parsonage received new flooring and new interior paint. And as part of the cemetery expansion, a new drive was installed along with some new sidewalks.

As required by the Constitution (every five years), a review of the Church Constitution has been completed. Several updates and revisions are recommended. The church By-Laws have also been reviewed by the Spiritual and Church Councils and several updates and revisions are being suggested in the By-laws as well. Both documents will be presented to the congregation for review and approval at the Annual Meeting.

Another significant matter that will be brought before the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting is the Incorporation of the Church. Separately, Incorporation of the Cemetery will be proposed, as will structuring both the Cemetery and the CCC as subsidiaries of the Church corporation. The purpose of this is to gain the legal and operational benefits and protections that a corporate entity will provide the Church. A 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation is the most common structure for these purposes.

Incorporating the Cemetery separately will provide for the perpetual care of the cemetery and will protect the gifts that have been bequeathed to the cemetery and intended for that purpose. The reason for the CCC to continue in a separate 501(c)(3) entity is so that it can continue to apply for grants and tax credits as it has in the past.

Several informational meetings will be held in advance of the Annual Meeting to answer any questions and discuss all these matters in detail.

Thanks to everyone who work so hard and give so much of yourselves so that as a congregation we can “Know Him and make Him known”.

Don Borgman



I will **tell of the LORD's**
unfailing love.

I will **praise the LORD**
for all he has done.

I will **rejoice in his**
great goodness to
Israel, which he has
granted according to
his mercy and love.

ISAIAH 63:7 NLT

Church Business

The Church Council and Spiritual Council have been working on the required 5-Year review of the Constitution and By-Laws for several months. In addition, work has been done to prepare to Incorporate St. Luke Church, St. Luke Cemetery and officially make the CCC a subsidiary of St. Luke Church.

Informational Meetings were held in January. As 60 Days' Notice is required prior to changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, a Special Meeting date will be set for March 30, 2025. At that meeting, the Congregation will vote regarding the By-Laws, Incorporation of St. Luke Church, Incorporation of St. Luke Cemetery and making the CCC a subsidiary of St. Luke Church. Revisions to the Constitution are minor and will not be voted on until the Annual Meeting of 2026, per the current Constitutional requirements.

Please contact Don Borgman or Jeremy Gray with any questions.

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.

DEVOTIONAL

A PRAYER ABOUT TRUTH

365 POCKET EVENING PRAYERS

When I point people to the Savior

DEAR JESUS,

Many people today assert that absolute truth does not exist, that each person has his or her own—everything is relative. They may say, “Well, if that works for you, good, but it’s not for me.” Others believe in truth as a concept but don’t think anyone can know it or find it. Yet all are seeking answers, meaning, and purpose. Truth means reality, fact, certainty. A reliable standard allows us to know how far off we are, and these days society is way off the mark. You told the disciples that you are the Truth. Later you stood before the one who would condemn you to death and told him the truth. Those who know you are set free from error and sin and death, and they know what is true. O Savior, my heart aches for those who turn away. They have heard and seen the truth, but they reject it. Use me, I pray, to lovingly point them to you and break through their philosophical haze that wants to debate instead of believing in you.

Pilate said, “So you are a king?” Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.” “What is truth?” Pilate asked. John 18:37-38

Special Anniversary

Bret and Lorin Fahrmeier
02/13/2010 15 Years!

Community Affairs



Second Wednesday Supper

February 12th

5-7pm - CCC
Cafe

Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Toasted Ravioli,
Green Beans, Salad
Bread sticks ,Cobbler



February Birthdays!

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| 2/2 | Darla Rogge |
| 2/2 | Vicki Good |
| 2/3 | Dennis Block |
| 2/3 | Lucy Gray |
| 2/4 | Fred Rogge |
| 2/4 | Patricia Breckenridge |
| 2/4 | Jennifer Middleton |
| 2/4 | Gage Portell |
| 2/6 | Sterling Jenkins |
| 2/6 | Lane Rogge |
| 2/9 | Tilly Placht |
| 2/12 | Stella Manning |
| 2/13 | Nancy Locke |
| 2/16 | Jeremy Block |
| 2/19 | Melody Kemp |
| 2/19 | Bret Fahrmeier |
| 2/20 | Jeremy Gray |
| 2/23 | Berry Yeldell Jr. |
| 2/24 | Sydney Nieweg |
| 2/25 | Sherry Ellensohn |
| 2/27 | Hampton Matthys |
| 2/28 | Quinn Rhoad |

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

Mary Lou Lieneke

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

Keith Dorsch

c/o Isaiah Dorsch
1217 Becket Ct.
Raymore, Mo 64083

Military Address

Kenneth Manning

USS Ronald Regan CVN76
Unit 100197 Box RM
FPO AP 96616

Young adults are invited to a post-Valentine's Day dinner on February 16 at the CCC café, starting at 5 PM. Both the meal and childcare will be provided. Stay tuned for more details coming your way through emails and texts.

Special Birthday Mention



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of P.A.S.S., I would like to recognize the following donors for their financial contributions that enable our program to provide free instruction to individuals preparing for their high school equivalency certificate: **Alfred and Alberta Block, Kent and Robin Emison, Nadler's Meats & Catering, Sally Nadler, and Trent Thurmon.**

70% tax credits for donations are available on a first-come, first-served basis for anyone with Missouri business income. In the first six months of the current three-year funding cycle, 15 participants received their certificates, bringing our total number of graduates to 818 since 2007.

If you know someone who needs encouragement to pursue testing, please reach out to them with my phone number (726-6717) or our program flyer. Thank you once again for the generous support of our P.A.S.S. donors.

With appreciation,
Cindy Niendick Dunn

FEBRUARY 2025

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Adult Sunday School 9 am, Worship Service: 10 am

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

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| 2 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class—2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm—Youth Group at the CCC | 3 | 4 | 5 6-7:30pm— AWANA Kids— CCC 2 nd Level | 6 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level | 7 | 8 |
| 9 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class—2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm—Youth Group at the CCC | 10 | 11 | 12 6-7:30pm— AWANA Kids— CCC 2 nd Level 5pm-7pm—2 nd Wednesday Supper Lower Level CCC | 13 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY | 15 |
| 16 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class—2 nd level CCC 5pm—Young Adults Valentine Dinner at the CCC Cafe 5:30 to 8pm—Youth Group at the CCC | 17 PRESIDENT'S DAY | 18 | 19 6-7:30pm— AWANA Kids— CCC 2 nd Level | 20 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level | 21 | 22 |
| 23 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class—2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm—Youth Group at the CCC | 24 | 25 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Young Couples Gathering CCC Bottom Level | 26 6-7:30pm— AWANA Kids— CCC 2 nd Level | 27 10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 nd Level | 28 | |

