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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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# St. Luke's Newsletter



## Church Council News

The Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday April 23rd. The devotion was presented by Don Borgman and focused on the message of Ecclesiastes 3:11. The meeting was then called to order by Don

The agenda for the meeting was approved. At the request of the Building & Grounds Committee one addition to the agenda was for review of bids for sealing and striping the parking lots.

Minutes for the March 18th meeting were approved as presented. Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting held on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> were also approved. The subject of that meeting was a review and approval of the plans to incorporate the Church and to separately incorporate the cemetery.

Financial reports for the month of were approved as presented. Reports reviewed included a complete list of all investment accounts, reconciliation of operating accounts and a year-to-date budget to actual comparison. Cemetery operating and investment accounts were also reviewed.

Under Old Business the Council briefly discussed the new signage. Installation has been completed, and it was noted that many compliments on the signage have been received. Randy Dowell was thanked for his work in making that project happen.

Under new business the Council reviewed a new policy for Church credit cards. After discussion, and subject to clarification on a couple of issues, the Policy was tentatively approved. The council then reviewed the Cemetery Board's recent clarification on materials appropriate for headstones in the cemetery, and after discussion the Council affirmed the Cemetery Board's policy. The final matter was review of two bids obtained by the Building & Grounds Committee for sealing and restriping the parking lots. As this is an expenditure that exceeds the annual building and grounds budget it will be presented to the congregation for vote. It will be considered at a Special Meeting in May after appropriate notice as required in the Bylaws.

Blaine Beissenherz discussed activities of the Search Committee and reported on conversations and progress with a promising candidate.

With no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Don Borgman

## CAMP AGAPE

We still have a limited number of 3-day and 5-day spots available for kids entering Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Your generous gift, combined with the affordable fees paid by parents, can still help us create a safe, meaningful, and fun summer experience for all our campers! If you feel lead to partner with us this year, please make your tax-deductible check to Camp Agape and send to: PO Box 1026, Wellington, MO 64097.

Your prayers are appreciated for a safe, successful summer!

Cailey Pingel , Executive Director

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**VBS-** the theme is "True North Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" June 23-27, 2025. Most of the materials have come in and Melissa Register has been working to sort and count to make sure everything is here and ready to go. She has worked on getting everyone their books so that they can get started. Please let us know if you are willing to help in any way. I know that Patti Breckenridge and her staff will be putting out a list of needs for daily snack time and cookies for the Wednesday night pool party. All the help is greatly appreciated. Please join in the fun filled week. Sunday school continues to have good attendance and dedicated teachers who help share the word of God with our children.

**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

# Camp Agape

**CHRISTIAN SUMMER DAYCAMP**  
**8:30AM - 3:30PM**

Activities your child could be doing this summer!

- 4 Field Trips a Week
- Arts & Crafts
- Bible Stories
- Songs & Games

**Visit our Website**  
**[www.campagapeccc.org](http://www.campagapeccc.org)**  
**to register!**

**FEEs:**  
**5 DAYS: \$110/WEEK**  
**3 DAYS: \$85/WEEK**  
Pay for the weeks you attend

**Limited Spots Available! Email: [campagapeccc@gmail.com](mailto:campagapeccc@gmail.com)**

**Entering K-8th Grade**

**FIELD TRIPS**

**CREATING**

**PLAY**

**Awana-** We will begin again in September. The start back date is usually the Wednesday after Labor Day. As always, we welcome anyone who would like to help! You never know the difference you are making in a child's life.

**Easter egg hunt-** A huge thank you to Matt and Robyn Linebaugh who again donated 10 very nice Easter baskets for the egg hunt this year. These baskets are a much-appreciated addition to the event. Thanks to everyone who filled the over 4000 eggs with candy! The kids had a wonderful time picking them up. The weather was a little cool, but we were grateful the rain held off. As always, your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted, Pennie Ahmann

## Community Affairs



City Union Mission is still in need of your cell phones to help with their men's work program. Your donation can change a life for the better! For more information see the April 2025 newsletter or call Cheryl Klotz at 816-726-9348.

## Church Business

We had our last Second Wednesday Supper until September. We can't thank this amazing committee enough! Thank you to the many helpers and dessert makers for making this a service of love for our community. Second Wednesday meals have grown from an average of 40 to 100+! Praises be to God!

### Outreach Committee

Cinda Dowell	Sheila Morgan
Sheila Morgan	Bonnie Kohlstaedt
Lori Thornburg	Cailey Pingel



[Sign Up for St. Luke's Food Stand. Be a part of the Mission!](#)

[Sign Up for St. Luke's Food Stand. Fruit Pies Needed!](#)

The two links above are sign-ups to volunteer to help with the Food Stand. We need 2-hour shifts filled for Saturday May 17 at the Wellington Fair and we need pies to serve. If you need assistance to sign up, please contact Christie Johnson, the St. Luke Office Administrator at 816-240-2312. She can help sign you up for the slot of your choice.

**Thank you Christie** for giving us easy, organized ways to sign up electronically and for creating all the nice graphics. You are a huge part of the mission!



**St Luke  
Congratulates  
our Graduates!**



**Kaylin Ellensohn – WNHS**

**Aaron Maples – WNHS**

**Andrew Travis – WNHS**

**Brilynn Zykan – WNHS**

**Andrew Rhoad- EBHS**

**Syndey Niewig –  
Columbia College (Dec 2024)**

**Matthew Travis –  
Southwest Baptist University**



**PRAISE  
GOD**

**Current Shut-Ins**

**Keith Dorsch**

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

**Louise Block**

Meyer Care Center, Rm 402  
1201 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Higginsville, MO 64037

**Judi Block**

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

**Mary Lou Lieneke**

Meyer Care Center  
1201 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Higginsville, MO 64037

**Charlene Beissenherz**

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

## Missions News

**Trinity International University Foundation** is one of the missions supported by St. Luke. Recently it was announced that Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) is joining together with Trinity Western University (TWU) in Canada. Below are excerpts of the announcement regarding the union of these two educational institutions as they continue to provide Christian training and instruction in higher education.

For more than a century, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) has stood at the crossroads of faith and scholarship, a place where the authority of scripture and the transformative power of the gospel have shaped generations of pastors, missionaries, and theologians. What began in 1897 as a small institution in a church basement devoted to training ministers for what became the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA) found a new home in Deerfield, Illinois, in 1963. Under the leadership of Kenneth Kantzer, TEDS became more than a denominational seminary; it became a hub of evangelical thought, drawing faculty and students from across evangelical theological traditions. Kantzer's vision was always for TEDS to be a divinity school providing theological influence within a larger Christian university.

Meanwhile, on Canada's west coast, a parallel vision was taking shape. The EFCA appointed a committee to explore founding a liberal arts college in Fraser Valley, British Columbia, with a clear mission—to develop godly Christian leaders. The dream finally took flight in 1962 when Trinity Junior College opened its doors, setting the stage for what would become Trinity Western University (TWU). It stands today as Canada's largest privately funded Christian university with nearly six-thousand students and a broad-based liberal arts, sciences, and professional studies curriculum.

Now, forty years later, that vision has found its fulfillment: TEDS has entered into a formal commitment to take steps moving under the auspices of TWU, a union that brings together two institutions with a **common statement of faith** and **story of origin**, as well as a shared commitment to training Christian leaders for the church and the world. As this moves forward, TEDS will become TWU's seminary, all the while remaining steadfast in its mission “to train men and women to testify to the transformative power of the inerrant Word throughout the world while providing a critique of the competing ideologies that threaten the life of the church” (Dr. David Pao, Dean of TEDS). In a world that is ever-changing, the charge remains the same: to safeguard and proclaim the truth, to equip the next generation, and to reimagine theological education for a new era.

“At this time of both challenges and incredible opportunities in Christian higher education,” said Trinity International University President Kevin Kompelien, “I believe a school like TEDS will thrive best and accomplish our mission most effectively as part of a larger theologically and missionally aligned evangelical Christian university.” Through both in-person instruction and online learning, TEDS as a part of TWU can continue its mission to train pastors, missionaries, and leaders for Evangelical Free Churches and for the evangelical church across North America and around the world.”

What began as two separate institutions, shaped by geography and history, has now converged into a singular vision: to prepare men and women for faithful, thoughtful, and transformative ministry in North America and beyond. The journey continues, but the calling remains unchanged.

## Celebrate May Birthdays!

05/02 Brayton Block  
05/04 Peter Kemp  
05/05 Caroline Gifford  
05/06 Ava Todd  
05/06 Emily Ahmann  
05/07 Sally Crump  
05/07 Garrett Cullen  
05/08 Ben Sassman  
05/10 Steve Block  
05/11 Elizabeth Linneman  
05/13 Cailey Pingel  
05/13 Colby Dowell  
05/13 Colin Rogge  
05/14 Jeremy Ahmann  
05/15 Mark Schroer  
05/16 Kynslee Smith  
05/16 Jordan Shroyer  
05/19 James Davis  
05/23 Avery Todd  
05/23 Adam Block  
05/23 Robin Limberg  
05/23 Matthew Block  
05/26 Nicole Dobson  
05/26 John Breckenridge  
05/26 Nicole Dobson  
05/27 Marlena Gray  
05/29 Connie Gossey  
05/29 Jack Soendker  
05/30 Jeanette Niendick

## A Prayer For May:

May you be happy.  
May you stay healthy.  
May you feel safe.  
May you find comfort.  
May you sense peace.  
May you give love.  
May you possess courage.  
May you have faith.  
May you spread joy.  
May you be kind.

## Special Birthday Mentions

Jeannette Niendick

Happy 83rd!

## Special Anniversaries

Joe & Lori Thornburg 04/08/1995 Happy 30th!

Lowell & Rhonda Grumke 04/29/2000 Happy 25th!

**LATE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:**

Happy #54 to Jerry & Vickie Good 4/17/71



# MAY 2025

## ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH, WELLINGTON, MO

**Adult Sunday School 9 am, Worship Service: 10 am**

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> *National Day of Prayer  10 am - 2 pm Women's Fellowship  6:30-8pm—Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Communion Sunday  6-7:30pm Women's Bible Study— CCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10 am - 2 pm Women's Fellowship  6:30-8pm—Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level  WNHS Baccalaureate Service	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Mother's Day  WNHS Graduation Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30am-12pm Practice in Sanctuary  6:30pm Busy Bee's Preschool Graduation	<b>15</b> 10 am - 2 pm Women's Fellowship  6:30-8pm—Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level  WELLINGTON FAIR	<b>16</b>  WELLINGTON FAIR	<b>17</b>  WELLINGTON FAIR St. Luke Food Stand
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  6:30-9pm St. Luke Preschool Graduation	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10 am - 2 pm Women's Fellowship  6:30-8pm—Men's Bible Study— CCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Memorial Day	<b>27</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day for Camp Agape May 27-Aug 8	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10 am - 2 pm Women's Fellowship  6:30-8pm—Men's Bible Study—CCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level	<b>30</b> Ascension Day	<b>31</b>

\* [Link to National Day of Prayer 2025 .org](https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/)