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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



Spiritual Council Update

The Spiritual Council met on February 18th, 2025. We are continuing forward with becoming familiar with our ministry plans. Linda and Joel have an upcoming breakout session with Pastor Tim to further define the structure of the ministry plan. We hope to begin soon meeting with other ministries within the church to define and create planning details.

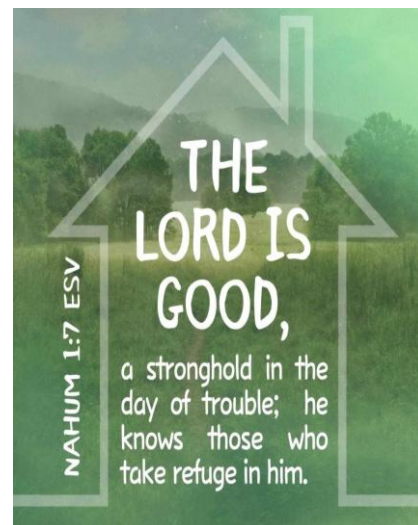
We also reviewed some of the feedback received from the Valentine's Dinner. We are encouraged by the desire of the young couples within our church to continue on with regular meetings, with the goal of diving into scripture and increasing their relationship with God. We are continuing to reach out to understand the exact needs of our young couples and look forward to organizing future events to encourage continued growth.

Pastor Tim will be offering Gospel Culture training throughout the month of March. There was a group that was able to go through this training last year. We believe that it is a great opportunity for those who desire further direction on how to apply the Gospel not only in ministries directly related to the church but also in all aspects of one's personal life. Please talk with Pastor Tim or any members from the Spiritual Council if you are interested in signing up.

Missions Committee

**Thanks to all that supported
EFCA's ReachGlobal Crisis
Response with your financial
and prayerful support!**

St. Luke was able to send a check for \$1,087 to assist those severely impacted by the wildfires. EFCA is not aware of any of their churches that were in the evacuation area, but many lost power and have congregants who've lost their homes.



Church Council News

The Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday February 10th. The meeting was called to order by Don Borgman. Devotion for the evening was presented by Blaine Beissenherz.

The agenda for the meeting was approved. This was the first meeting of the Council following the annual meeting, so the first order of business was to elect Council Officers for the coming year. Office positions were elected as follows: President - Don Borgman; Vice President- Brandon Niendick; Secretary - Blaine Beissenherz; and Treasurer - Amanda Travis. In addition, Council members were elected to serve as representatives on committees as follows: Randy Dowell – Endowment Committee; Brandon Niendick – Cemetery; Denise Kaullen – Preschool; Blaine Beissenherz- Building & Grounds.

Financial reports for the month of were approved as presented. The Council requested that going forward the investments (Certificates of Deposit) of the Church be listed on each monthly reports. Additionally, the Council requested that the Cemetery accounts and Cemetery investments also be provided to the Church Council each month in the same format as Church Accounts.

Minutes of the Church Council meeting of December 10th were approved as presented. In January the Church Council and the Spiritual Council met jointly to prepare for the Annual Meeting. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on January 26th were also reviewed.

Under Old Business the Child Safety Policy was discussed and some suggestions were made that will simplify and clarify some sections of the policy. Amanda Travis will confer with congregation members involved with Children’s Ministry and will make additional revisions to the Policy. The Council also reviewed suggestions made at the three informational meetings held to discuss Bylaws revisions as well as plans for the incorporation of the Church. At least one more informational meeting will be held prior to the March 30 Special Meeting where these matters will be presented to the Congregation for vote.

Under New Business Randy Dowell presented the plans for new informational and directional signage for the Church campus. In addition to signage design, Randy also presented plans for signage locations and the Council approved the recommendations as presented.

Blaine Beissenherz, Chairman of the Pastor Search Committee gave a report on progress in the search process. Blaine reported that the Committee has looked at many resumes, has had preliminary conversations with several candidates, and currently is in discussions and is encouraged by one candidate in particular.

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

Don Borgman

The Pastor Search Committee

The PSC has been hard at it for the last several weeks. We have had several conversations with a very promising candidate. It is still early in the process, but we are encouraged. Please continue to pray for us during this very important time.

Cailey Pingel, Blaine Beissenherz, Don Borgman, Linda Niendick, Rachel Gray, and Margaret Kohlstaedt

Camp Agape

I am excited to announce that Camp Agape will be returning for Summer 2025! Last year, we had the privilege of providing flexible, safe, and engaging childcare to 65 campers, ranging from kindergarten through 8th grade, and we are eager to continue offering this unique experience to the communities of Western Lafayette County. Our mission at Camp Agape is to help children discover that the love of God is everywhere. Through this mission, we provide campers with exciting opportunities to grow in their faith and explore the world around them.

One of the most beloved parts of Camp Agape is the opportunity for our campers to go on four field trips each week. These field trips allow them to experience new things, see the world outside of their community, and further enrich their understanding of God's love. By partnering with Camp Agape, your support will help cover the admission costs for these field trips, ensuring that every camper has the chance to participate in these important experiences. This also allows us to keep our fees affordable for families, making it possible for more children to attend and benefit from all that Camp Agape has to offer.



The poster features a central sun icon and the text 'Camp Agape' in a large, blue, stylized font. Above it, the dates 'MAY 27 - AUGUST 8TH' are written in a blue arc. To the right, a green banner says 'ENTERING K - 8TH GRADE'. Below the main title, it says 'SUMMER DAYCAMP'. There are four colored callout boxes: a green one for the registration link, a yellow one for hours and fees, a blue one for activities, and a pink one for the location. At the bottom, there is contact information for Cailey Pingel.

REGISTRATION LINK:
WWW.CAMPAGAPECCC.ORG

CHRISTIAN DAY CAMP
HOURS 8:30-3:30
Early and Late Services Available

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

ACTIVITIES:

- 4 FIELD TRIPS A WEEK
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- BIBLE STORIES
- SONGS & GAMES

LOCATED:
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CENTER
WELLINGTON, MO

Questions??
Contact: Cailey Pingel
campagapeccc@gmail.com

If you are able to partner with us this year, please make your tax-deductible check payable to Camp Agape and send it to:

PO Box 1026, Wellington, MO 64097.

Your generous gift, combined with the affordable fees paid by parents, helps us create a safe, meaningful, and fun summer experience for all of our campers.

Thank you for your continued support of Camp Agape and for helping us share God's love with the next generation!

Cailey Pingel
Executive Director



DEVOTIONAL

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

ONCE-A-DAY WALK WITH JESUS DEVOTIONAL

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 1 John 1:1

John's proclamation is a triumphant statement of faith.

Some Christians were stumbling over the Gnostic teaching that Jesus did not really have a body. This heresy borrowed much from contemporary philosophy but contradicted the gospel. Gnosticism had weakened the faith of some, so John wrote to remind the church of the truth of the incarnation.

How like John's audience we are! The foolish philosophies of this world easily take us captive.

"Oh, brethren, could you and I pass this day through these heavens and see what is now going on in the sanctuary above—could you see what the child of God now sees who died last night—could you see the Lamb with the scars of his five deep wounds sitting in the very midst of the throne—could you see the thousands, all singing, 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain' (Revelation 5:12)—and were one of these angels to tell you, 'This is he that undertook the cause of lost sinners; there he is upon the throne of heaven; consider him; look long and earnestly upon his wounds and glory'—could you see all these things, do you think it would be safe to trust him?

" 'Yes, yes,' every soul exclaims. 'Lord, it is enough! Let me ever stand and gaze upon the almighty, all-worthy, all-divine Savior! Yes, though the sins of all the world were on my wicked head, still I could not doubt that his work is complete, and that I am quite safe when I believe in him.' "

WALK CLOSER TO GOD

John had enough faith to publicly proclaim his Christianity at a time when it brought imprisonment or death. Do you have enough faith to "salt" your conversation with Christ at a time when it might bring scorn?

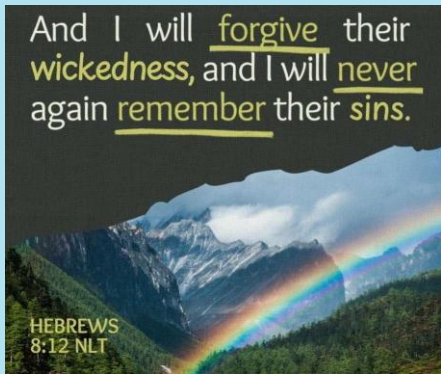
If you're like most of us, you answered, "Well, maybe." Fortunately, we have a Savior who hears us when we cry, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). Be encouraged. That is a prayer he will answer.

Community Affairs



**Second Wednesday Supper
March 12th
5-7pm—CCC Café**

Mark your calendars for the annual **Kid's 1st Foundation Banquet.**
Saturday, March 15, 2025.
Wellington Lion's Club Building
Doors open at 5pm. Tickets \$35 each. Our own Mark Schroer will be honored as Alumnus of the year. Tom & Rose Wulfekotter will be honored as Citizens of the year.



On behalf of the family of Alberta Beissenherz, we would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love shown to Alberta before per passing 1/28/25 and to all of us afterwards. Thank you for the many cards, texts, calls, prayers and other acts of kindness, all of which are very appreciated!! A special thanks to Pastor Tim for the visits and wonderful service and to the Women's Fellowship for organizing lunch. Alberta loved her church family and will be missed by many.

With love and grateful hearts,
Brian & Sheri Beissenherz and family
Bruce & Allie Jo Beissenherz and family
Brent & Leanne Beissenherz



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. There is a Special Meeting set for March 30th, 2025 to vote on these changes. 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.

Military Address

Kenneth Manning

USS Ronald Regan CVN76
Unit 100197 Box RM
FPO AP 96616

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 03/02 Linda Dorsch
- 03/02 Lucas Niendick
- 03/04 Cheryl Dickey
- 03/04 Joan Fahrmeier
- 03/04 Janice Kohlstaedt
- 03/05 Janis Jones
- 03/05 Charlie Morgan
- 03/06 Denise Kaullen
- 03/06 Angela Kemp
- 03/09 Bonita Kohlstaedt
- 03/12 Lynn Fahrmeier
- 03/12 Mckenna Sassmann
- 03/12 Benjamin Niendick
- 03/13 Andrew Travis
- 03/14 Hunter Pence
- 03/14 Sheila Morgan
- 03/19 Alex Osborn
- 03/20 Sophie Manning
- 03/20 John Piepmeier
- 03/24 Tina Niendick
- 03/24 Raelyn Niendick
- 03/29 Shelly Todd
- 03/29 Timothy Sterling
- 03/30 Spencer Kaullen
- 03/30 Jayde Dickey

Humor Corner

(Extended Edition)

- What did the grape say when he got stepped on? Nothing, he just let out a little wine.
- My wife told me to quit impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.
- Why are herbs so expensive? Because thyme is money.
- Southwest weather forecast indicates chili today and hot tamale.
- Which is faster hot or cold? Hot is....anybody can catch cold.
- What did the stocking cap say to the scarf? You hang around while I go on a head.
- No matter how cold you may get, DO NOT attempt to build a fire in a kayak! You can't have your kayak and heat it too.



Who Was St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped but

returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

When Was the First St. Patrick's Day Celebrated?

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in New York City on March 17, 1772 to honor the Irish patron saint. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there.

Special Birthday Mentions

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| Janice Kohlstaedt | 3/04/1942 | Happy 83rd! |
| Bonita Kohlstaedt | 3/09/1939 | Happy 86th! |
| John Piepmeier | 3/20/1943 | Happy 82nd! |

Special Anniversaries

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| Tina & Vincent Niendick | 03/30/1985 | Happy 40th! |
| Scott & Amy Osborn | 03/18/2000 | Happy 25th! |
| Fred & Carol Rogge | 03/02/1974 | Happy 51st! |

MARCH 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
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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 Daylight Savings Begins—Turn clocks forward 1hr! 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	15 5pm--Kid's 1st Banquet at Wellington Lion's Building (\$35 per person)
16 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class— 2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC	17 St. Patrick'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	29
30 Special Congregational Meeting following church to vote on Bylaws, etc. 12p to 1:15 Confirmation Class— 2 nd level CCC 5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC	31					

2025

Church & Spiritual Councils, & Supporting Committees

** = new member

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

Jeremy Gray
Richard Abdoler
Joel Larson
Linda Niendick
Mary Campbell
Robert Riesmeyer**
Pastor

CHURCH COUNCIL

Don Borgman
Randy Dowell
Denise Kaullen**
Blaine Beissenherz
Amanda Travis
Brandon Niendick**

Outreach Team

Cinda Dowell – Co-Chair
Linda Niendick – Co-Chair
Cailey Pingel
Kim Siefker
Lori Thornburg
Bonnie Kohlstaedt
Sheila Morgan

Youth/Student Ministry

Joel Larson
Rusty & Stacy Wallman
Pastor

Worship Committee

Brittany Beissenherz
Linda Riesmeyer
Jeremy Gray
Rusty Wallman
Brandon Block
Elise Sterling
Kirstin Sassman
Pastor

Technology

Lynn Fahrmeier
Cinda Dowell
Jeremy Gray
Linda Niendick
Samuel Fahrmeier

Fair Food Stand

Darwin & Cindy Niendick
Kent & Linda Rogge
Larry & Pauline Tilly
Luke Rhoad

Christmas Decorations

Niendick Family
Friedrich Family
Sassman Family
Alberta Block - Poinsettias

Audit

Amanda Travis
Scott Dickey
Valerie Kemp

Prayer Chain

Stacy Wallman

Congregational Care

Mary Campbell
Sally Nadler
Denise Kaullen
Dorothy Friedrich
Rachel Gray
Amy Soendker

Adult Ministry

Jeremy Gray
John Breckenridge
Shelly Todd
Rob Riesmeyer
Margaret Kohlstaedt
Linda Niendick

Children's Ministry

Pennie Ahmann
Donna Fahrmeier
Kathy Potter
Sherry Ellensohn
Amy Osborn
Sharon Piepmeier
Tina Niendick

Missions

Cheryl Klotz
Scott Dickey
Nicole Riekhoff
Charlie Morgan
Alicia Shaw

Nursery- TBD

Building & Grounds

Mike Smith
Jeff Block
Steve Block
Joan Fahrmeier
Alex Siefker
Ben Sassman
Brian Beissenherz

Search Committee

Rachel Gray
Cailey Pingle
Don Borgman
Linda Niendick
Margaret Kohlstaedt
Blaine Beissenherz

Preschool Board

Amy Osborne
Cindy Niendick
Kathy Potter
Linda Rogge
Gena Willoughby (preschool owner)

Church Sign

Dorothy Friedrich
Kirstin Sassman

Cemetery Board

Vincent Niendick
Rick Stoenner
Linda Niendick
Chuck Shroyer

Elevator, Carillon, AED

Contact

Brian Beissenherz

Pastoral Relations

To be appointed

Nominating for 2025

1-CC; 1-SC 3 appointed

Social Media

Emily Niendick

Budget & Finance

Linda Dorsch
Blaine Beissenherz
Linda Niendick
Emily Niendick
Valerie Kemp
Amanda Travis
Pastor

Endowment Board

Barry Yeldell
Gary Klotz
Randy Dowell
Jerry Soendker
Lynn Fahrmeier
Linda Dorsch
Don Borgman

Newsletter-TBD

Easter Decoration

Patty Breckenridge

Flowers

Ann Torey/ Beth Yeldell

Alter/Communion

Dianne Goodwin