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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

Spiritual Council (SC) continues to discuss what it means to have a Gospel culture within our church as we study the book *Gospel Fluency*. We are seeing the importance of purposefully living life together as a church and proclaiming the Gospel to one another.

A recurring theme during our SC meeting was the difference the Gospel should make in how we live our lives. The Gospel has much more to say than Jesus just being our ticket to heaven. The Gospel shows us that Jesus has a better answer for the rest of our lives. Who should we marry? How should we think about our careers? How do we use our money? How do we approach relationships with our families and friends?

As we understand the Gospel more, we will begin to see everything through what was accomplished in the person and work of Jesus. Why do we give our time and money? Not because we try to be generous people, but because Jesus gave everything including his own life for us. Why do we show kindness to others? Not out of our own goodness, but because Jesus showed us an overabundance of patience, kindness, and mercy.

As we begin establishing a Gospel culture, we also continue to address how our church should be presented to our community. We have an ongoing project to update our website and develop a fresh logo for our church. Soon we hope to present to the St. Luke congregation a new church logo that points to our commitment to the Gospel while being meaningful to our church members and our community.

Missions Committee

Missions have several dates to make note of and include on your calendar:

- On **Saturday, October 5**, we are seeking volunteers for a workday at The LIGHT House. In the past we have done some yard work, washed and cleaned vans, shampooed a carpet and general cleaning. This is a great opportunity to serve and to see the work that The LIGHT House does for young women, their babies and some Dads, too! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cheryl Klotz by **Sunday, September 29** at: 816-726-9348.
- Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse time is coming soon. OCC kick-off will be on Sunday, October 6 and shoe box dedication will be Sunday, November 18. For those that like to start filling their boxes early, the shoe boxes will be available in the back of the church on Sunday, September 1.
- We are going to try and travel to an OCC Processing Center (either Dallas or Denver) to volunteer, depending on availability. What does volunteering at an OCC Processing Center involve? Each shoe box is inspected, taped and placed in cartons by age for boys and girls. In the past, the group has gone to one of the Processing Centers the week after Thanksgiving. This year that would be traveling on December 2 and 6, working December 3-5. Any questions or to sign-up, please contact Cheryl Klotz at 816-726-9348. She will **need a headcount by Sunday, September 29th**.

St. Luke volunteers at the Chicago Processing Center in 2019



THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family-

Thank you for all the prayers, kind words of encouragement, and care packages you sent to Avery over the past years. He is graduated and living his IT career dreams at PCMR in Warrensburg. Your support was so important to keeping him on track; and close with the Lord and the Lord's people all along the way. — Arby and MacKenzie Todd

Dear St. Luke Church Family,

For almost two years you prayed for us, encouraged us, sent cards, food and “loved on us” so, so faithfully. Neal and I thanked God for you during this season of our lives. We all prayed for a miracle, we prayed for healing and God answered those prayers in His perfect way. As we struggle in our humanness to accept God's will, please continue to pray for everyone that knew and loved Neal.

In our many conversations with Pastor Tim, Neal was convicted that he wanted to be baptized as an adult, as he had been baptized as an infant and later Confirmed. Days before Neal went to be with the Lord, in our living room, surrounded by family, Neal professed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and Pastor Tim baptized him. This “Believers Baptism” provided Neal and the rest of our family great comfort in those final days.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. John 5:24

We are so thankful for you, our St. Luke Family,

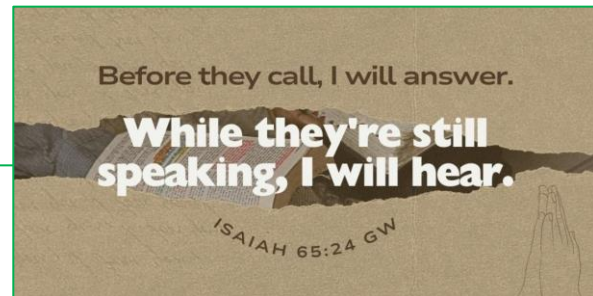
Love,

Linda, Abbey, Courtney, Benjamin and families.

Pastor Search Committee

The search committee has continued to meet, with our most recent meeting being with Pastor Tim assisting us in honing in on criteria and qualifications to be able to sort through applicants efficiently. We have a current applicant that we are checking references on and several others that we are researching. Please remember to pray for us as God leads us through this process.

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



Humor Corner

- ❖ What do you call a couch potato competing in the Olympics? A try athlete
- ❖ What makes us human? Selecting all images with traffic lights.
- ❖ How does NASA organize a party. They planet.

Children's Ministry

Awana- There will be a planning meeting Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:00pm on the middle floor of the CCC. We will be making plans for this year's Awana program. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to come. We meet on Wednesday evenings at the CCC from 6-7:30 starting September 11, 2024. Please consider being a part of this program.

Children's church – This group meets in the church basement during the worship time. We could use some more helpers to cover this time so that we can have more individuals to rotate the covering of this time so that this doesn't fall on just a few individuals. Please contact Lori Thornburg if you would be willing to join this group.

Sunday school- We have added a class for our 3-5-year-olds and we also could use some volunteers to help fill in when needed. As always, we welcome anyone who is willing to join the rotation which could be once a month or once every 5-6 weeks depend on how much help we can get.

Soon we will begin to plan for VBS 2025, but we would like to discuss and evaluate Scuba 2024. We will be setting a meeting for Monday, September 9, 2024 6:00pm in the Education Building top floor of the building next to the church for anyone interested please attend. Hopefully we can get the VBS starting materials ordered soon after that meeting so that we can begin making plans for VBS 2025.

Please continue to pray for the children that we serve.

Respectfully,

Pennie Ahmann

Women's Fellowship

St. Luke Women's Fellowship serves the ladies of the church with bible study, fellowship, spiritual support, missions, quilting and crafting. We meet every Thursday from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. All ladies of the church are invited to join the group. It's a time for ladies to get together, support one another, celebrate the love of God, and share whatever is on your mind.

We enjoy hand quilting for our members and friends. The proceeds from the quilting projects are donated to several mission projects both local and abroad. Along with our quilting projects and with the help of church friends we collect Best Choice labels and Brother's cash register tapes that we submit for cash which also is donated to mission projects. Thank you to everyone that contributes to the project.

The group served a celebration of life luncheon for the family of two of our members recently. We would like to say "Thank you" to the congregation for helping with the food for these luncheons.

The first Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon we have a potluck luncheon. We welcome anyone that would like to join us any time.

We will begin our next bible study, "The Grave Robber," by Mark Bellington, September 12th. The study will take us on a seven- week journey to the Holy Land, to the very spots Jesus chose to reveal His power through miraculous signs. Miracles are not simply something Jesus did in the past; they are something Jesus wants to do today, in the present. Please, join us in the church downstairs at 11:00 am. and if you would like bring a lunch to join us for lunch after to study.

Outreach Updates

Hello!

In October we will start back in full force.



Second Wednesday Supper

October 9th, 5-7 - CCC Cafe

Sign ups for dessert - Cookies

Invite your neighbors, come and visit.

Apple Butter October 25-26th.

We will be making Apple Butter at Alvin & Jeanette's.

Plan to come and help for the whole time or just an hour.

Relief from peeling or stirring is always appreciated and many hands make light work.

It is a very amazing labor of love.

Friday night - apple peeling, juicing

Saturday - Cook, stir, can & clean up

Trunk or Treat - Thursday, Oct 31st

Please consider participating with a decorated trunk or table.

It doesn't have to be elaborate, we would like to have 20 trunks this year.

If it rains we can use the Fair Building to set up at a table.

We had about 250 youth participate last year.

A great way to show the youth of our community some love.

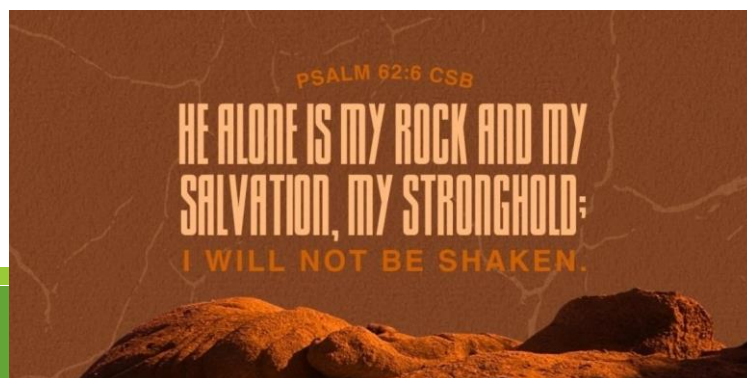
SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 22. As many of you know Jacob, Katelyn and Lucas Middleton traveled to South Africa early this summer for a mission trip. They will share their experience with the congregation, in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

An all-church luncheon is being planned following their presentation. Meat will be provided and each guest is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please, plan to attend this all- church family gathering to hear about their experience and enjoy lunch together. Additional information will be in the weekly bulletin.

The Ladies Chair exercise class is changing to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-10am on the main level in the CCC building in order to accommodate Tiger Day Camp on Mondays.



Devotional



Read: John 16:5-11

“He will convict the world . . .

in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer.”

John 16:8, 10

“God works immediately by His Spirit in and on the wills of His saints.”

—John Owen

IN WORD The Holy Spirit not only convinces us of sin; He convinces us of righteousness. Is there a difference? Doesn't an awareness of our sin imply that there is an awareness of a righteous alternative? Yes, but it tells us nothing of what that righteousness will look like. We know it will preclude the sins we regularly commit; but other than avoiding the bad things, we don't know the good things righteousness will lead us to do. That's where the Spirit comes in. He shows us Jesus.

While Jesus was in front of His disciples, they knew what righteousness looked like. They went where He went, they watched what He did, they responded to His instructions. Now, He tells them, He is going away and the Spirit is coming. We have the Bible, of course, so we see Jesus through the eyes of its writers. We, too, know what righteousness looks like. But we have no idea what it demands of us today other than by example. And Jesus did not simply leave us with an example. He left us with Himself. The Spirit is His presence; He shows us what He is doing. He convinces us what righteous living is all about.

IN DEED A popular catchphrase asks us “What would Jesus do?” It isn't a bad question, but there's a better one: “What is Jesus doing?” The first question makes Jesus a dead example. The second recognizes His living presence. Jesus isn't dead, you know. He's very much alive, and His Spirit is very much living with us and in us. He is here to show us how to live—not just in principle or by example, but today in our actual circumstances and relationships. His Spirit convicts us regarding righteousness because we need His righteousness to live in us and through us. We need Him to act in our lives. And our world needs to see Him desperately. Let them see Him through you.



09/01	Paul Ellensohn
09/03	Courtney Kawelaske
09/03	Janet Block
09/05	Harrison Matthys
09/05	Shannon Zykan
09/08	Darwin Niendick
09/08	Ryan McFatrach
09/08	Scott Osborn
09/09	Harry Flucke
09/09	Stacey Heath
09/10	Christopher Block
09/13	Caitlin Niendick
09/16	Jennifer Lehman
09/17	Leroy Fluesmeier
09/17	Alicia Shaw
09/17	Kenneth Nadler
09/17	Danny Walters
09/19	Macy Pence
09/22	Gary Klotz
09/23	Jason Nadler
09/23	Charles Shroyer
09/24	Amber Merritt
09/28	Carter Portell
09/29	Phyllis Soendker
09/30	Mollie Nagle

Special Anniversaries

Nancy & James Angerer	09/06	Happy 56 th !
James & Janelle Haik	09/12	Happy 15 th !
Clifford & Myrna Wilson	09/16	Happy 35 th !
Mary Ann & Donald Campbell	09/18	Happy 53 rd !
Anna & Nathan Soendker	09/18	Happy 20 th !
Jake & Jessica Carroll	09/21	Happy 5 th !
Kathy & James Potter	09/22	Happy 45 th !
Candace & Eric Ellensohn	09/25	Happy 20 th !
Berry & Elizabeth Yeldell	09/28	Happy 5 th !
Shirley & Steven Germann	09/29	Happy 45 th !



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

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

Ann Maschmeier

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

Special Birthday Mentions

09/09	Harry Flucke	Happy 85 th !
09/17	Leroy Fluesmeier	Happy 81 st !
09/17	Kenneth Nadler	Happy 86 th !
09/29	Phyllis Soendker	Happy 84 th !

SEPTEMBER 2024

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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
<p>1</p> <p>5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC</p> <p>7pm--Women's Bible Study--When You Pray Main Level CCC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7pm--General Adult Bible Study and Fellowship-CCC Lower Level</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship</p> <p>6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study-- CCC 2nd Level</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>12pm-1pm--Believer's Baptism--Church Basement</p> <p>5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6-7:30pm--AWANA Kids--CCC 2nd Level</p> <p>7pm--General Adult Bible Study and Fellowship-CCC Lower Level</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship</p> <p>11a-12p--Grave Robber Bible Study--Church Basement</p> <p>6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study-- CCC 2nd Level</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6-7:30pm--AWANA Kids--CCC 2nd Level</p> <p>7pm--General Adult Bible Study and Fellowship-CCC Lower Level</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship</p> <p>11a-12p--Grave Robber Bible Study--Church Basement</p> <p>6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study-- CCC 2nd Level</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>11:15am--Following church service-A discussion with Katelyn, Jacob & Lucas about their South Africa Trip in the Sanctuary followed by a Potluck Luncheon in Church Basement</p> <p>5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30 pm-8:30 pm Young Couples Gathering CCC Bottom Level</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6-7:30pm--AWANA Kids--CCC 2nd Level</p> <p>7pm--General Adult Bible Study and Fellowship-CCC Lower Level</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10 am - 2 pm, Women's Fellowship</p> <p>11a-12p--Grave Robber Bible Study--Church Basement</p> <p>6:30 pm--Men's Bible Study-- CCC 2nd Level</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>12p to 1:15--7th/8th grade Confirmation Class--2nd level CCC</p> <p>5:30 to 8pm--Youth Group at the CCC</p>	<p>30</p>					