

Ministries and Events

November 9 & 10, 2019

Youth Events

Sunday, November 10th, youth signed up for Caveman Zipline adventure will gather at noon and return by 4:30 PM. \$20 per person!

Next weekend is the Annual Witbrodt Farm retreat! High school youth will gather on Saturday the 16th and return on Sunday afternoon around 1 PM.

November Adult Ed Schedule

November 17 and November 24-- Paris to Pittsburgh . A two-part film and discussion on climate change Room 18-20.

Paris to Pittsburgh presented by National Geographic Documentary Films brings to life the impassioned efforts of individuals who are battling the most severe threats of climate change in their own backyards. Set against the national debate over the United States' energy future - the film captures what's at stake for communities around the country and the inspiring ways Americans are responding. Jointly sponsored by the Social Justice, Environmental and Adult Education teams.

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Many have contributed their time and talents in the creation of these shawls, and our next Prayer Shawl Blessing will be Saturday, November 16th and Sunday, November 17th.

Bible Sunday

Bible Sunday is approaching. As is tradition at St. Lucas, all children in 2nd grade will receive a gift Bible on Sunday, November 17th at the 9 AM worship service. If you have a child in the second grade or above who has not received a Bible, please contact Michele Ottinger at mottinger@stlucasucc.org so that the proper number of Bibles are ordered.

Friday Lunch Bunch

Please note the date correction! The Friday Lunch Bunch will meet on **Friday, Nov 22** at Cracker Barrel, off Meramec Bottom Road between Hwy 55 & Lemay Ferry Road at 11:30 AM. Don & Joyce Patt are the host & hostess. Everyone is welcome but please sign up or contact the Patts so that we can save seats for them.

Preschool Book Fair

St. Lucas Preschool is hosting a Holiday Book Fair in the Fireside Room on Sunday, November 24th from 9:45—11 AM. Give the gift of reading!

Community Meal

Our next community meal is on Sunday, November 24th from 4 - 5:30 PM. Please invite those who are food insecure, need some company and a warm meal, or first responders! This is our opportunity to serve our community and honor those who work so hard to keep us safe. Want to help? Email Pam Smith at smith.lpkk@gmail.com for more info!

Poinsettia Order Form



Purchasing an Advent Poinsettia is a wonderful way to memorialize or honor a family member or friend while also helping to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. The cost for poinsettias is \$8.00 for a 6" - 6.5" flower. Place your order by completing this form and returning it to the Church Office with your payment or by calling the Church Office at 314-843-6120.

Orders are due by Friday, December 13th to the Church Office.

You may take flower(s) home anytime after the 10 AM service on Christmas Day.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Flowers Ordering: _____ X \$8.00 = _____ Total Paid

1) In Honor or In Memory Of (Circle One) _____

By: _____

2) In Honor or In Memory Of (Circle One) _____

By: _____

3) In Honor or In Memory Of (Circle One) _____

By: _____

Youth College Care Package Form

College Youth Addresses needed for Care packages! Please complete the form below, tear out and submit to the church office by November 14th. Our senior high youth will be on the Witbrodt Farm Retreat, November 16-17, 2019, and will be creating care packages for our college students at that time. We'll get them mailed so your student has them for FINAL EXAM CRAM TIME!!

YOUR NAME:

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STUDENT:

SUBMITTERS EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

STUDENTS FULL NAME:

STUDENTS COLLEGE ADDRESS:

STUDENTS FAVORITES:

Thanksgiving Worship

Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, Nov. 27th at 7:00 p.m. Please note: The Church Office will be closed Nov. 28th & 29th.

Habitat for Humanity Update

A group of us along with some people from St. Paul's UCC on Telegraph worked on the UCC build project for Habitat for Humanity last weekend. Thank you to Donovan Larson, Adam Radick, Steve Radick, Dave Vartanian, Mary Morgan and Paul Litzsinger for all of your hard work in the construction and organization of this event!

ShoeCrew Update

Thank you, St. Lucas! We donated 206 pairs of shoes to the ShoeCrew project in October! Learn more about how we made a difference here: <https://www.shoecrewwater.org/>

Caring Ministry Christmas Luncheon

The Caring Ministry Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 11:30 AM at O'Charley's Restaurant at 3140 Rusty Rd. St. Louis, MO 63128. (Please note the change of location!) Sign up no later than Monday, December 9th at the Welcome Center. Spouse and guests are welcome!

The Giving Trees

The Giving Trees will be posted on the bulletin boards in the Social Hall the weekend of Nov. 17th. We will be supporting Every Child's Hope and Isaiah 58. ECH "ornaments" will be **RED** and specified for a specific child and Isaiah 58's will be **GREEN**, various gift options are listed for parents to select for their children.

All wrapping paper, bows, tape and unwrapped gifts are to be returned by Dec. 8th and placed in the designated boxes on the stage. Red ornament tags need to be attached to the gift item to assure that the correct gift gets to the correct child. Gift cards should be taken to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Litzsinger at 314-287-6275 or (cell) 314-239-4741.

Advent Candlelighters Needed

We are in need of families or groups of people (a minimum of 2 people are needed) to read the liturgy and light the candle in each worship service in Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

Interested? Email Pastor Kelly at karcher@stlucasucc.org or Megan Ligeti at mligeti@stlucasucc.org.

Bell Ringers Needed

The annual Red Kettle Bell Ringing Drive is the Salvation Army's biggest source of funds, from which many people in the St. Louis area benefit. This year marks the 20th year that St. Lucas has volunteered to assist with this wonderful initiative!

You may feel like it will be too cold or windy or snowy to be outside, but please know— just a couple of hours (or more!) of your time ringing the bells will help provide someone with shelter & a hot meal on that cold, windy or snowy day or it may help put a toy under the Christmas tree for a child who would otherwise get none. Sign-up now to ring the bells—who knows, maybe your "presence" at the Red Kettle this year will bring the joy of Christmas into someone's life.

We will be ringing at the Crestwood Schnucks Store most Fridays and Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or at SignUp Genius at <http://bit.ly/bellringing2019>.

Hanging of the Greens by 40 +/-

40+/- will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 30th beginning at 2:30 PM. Contact Barb Coughlin with questions at barbcoughlin1@yahoo.com.

Living Nativity

Building the Nativity: Help fund The Living Nativity by donating a piece of the nativity puzzle. Donations from \$1.00—\$35.00 will help with this wonderful all church program. Stop at the table in the Social Hall on Sunday, November 17th in between worship services.

Volunteers Needed: Bethlehem is within sight and we need your assistance! In order to offer this wonderful evening to our community, we are in need of help. PLEASE consider offering your hands on Saturday, December 7th at 9 AM as we assemble the “Little Town of Bethlehem,” or helping on the day of the event, Saturday, December 14th, and the day after on Sunday, December 15th. There is a spot for all ages and abilities to help. Sign up sheets are on the Welcome Center bulletin board or go to <http://bit.ly/livingnativity2019> for more information about the available opportunities to serve.

Cookies for our Guests: Please donate packages of purchased cookies for the guests of the Living Nativity by Saturday morning, Dec. 14th.

Blue Christmas Service

A Blue Christmas Service acknowledges that for some, the holidays are not the most wonderful time of the year. Many among us are mourning and concerned about facing Christmas alone. Others are out of work and unable to afford the festivities of the season. Family estrangement, divorce, health concerns, addictions, etc. all impact our ability to experience a Norman Rockwell holiday. And yet, even when our hearts are heavy and joy seems impossible, the gift of the Christ child comes for us too. Join us for this Blue Christmas service, where together, we can move from despair to hope, from darkness to light.

Our Blue Christmas Service will be held at St. Lucas UCC on Sunday, December 22nd at 5:30 PM.

Our St. Lucas Family

We regret to inform you that **Marlene Fey**, (Ken Fey's mother) passed away on Thursday, October 31st 2019. Visitation was held on Monday, November 4th and funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 5th at Kutis Affton. We extend our sympathy to Marlene's family, friends and loved ones.

Richard Burr is at Alberdeen.

Ginny Altrup is at Delmar Gardens—Mermac Valley. Visitors are wanted!

Council Corner

Please attend our Annual Meeting this Sunday, November 10th at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary! We will have more updates for you at that time.

Randy Jurgensen
Council President