

Service Schedule

Saturday
5 p.m.

Sunday
8 a.m. &
10:30 a.m.
**Children's meal &
coffee follow**
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Wednesday
7:30 a.m.

Church School
Sunday: 9:20 a.m.
through May 8

Holy Days
(As Announced)

Lay Leadership

Mr. Harold S. Meek,
Bishop's Warden

Mrs. Janet Stormer,
Mission Warden

Mrs. Alice Embury,
Treasurer

Mrs. Malou McQuillan,
Clerk

St Luke's News

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Special Events

Church School starts 1st
Sunday in October (2nd)
at 9:20am.

Sacrament of Holy Bap-
tism, October 2 at 10:30
a.m. - see Fr. Denney.

Youth group gatherings -
dates and times to be
determined.

WOW meeting, 11:30
am, October 7th, at
Church — bring your
own lunch.

Adult Class will continue
with time to be deter-
mined.

Bishop's Committee
meeting October 15 and
November 19 at 3:30
p.m.

St. Luke's Day Celebra-
tion, Tuesday evening,
October 18th, at 6 p.m.
with the Bishop. Pot-
luck dinner follows -
please bring a dish.

134th Synod: Friday &
Saturday, October 21st
& 22nd in Belleville.

Men's Prayer Breakfasts,
Friday, October 28 and
Friday, December 2 at
7 am.

All Saints Day services,
Tuesday, November 1
at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All Souls Day requiems
at 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Ser-
vice at 10 a.m. on
Thursday, November
24, at St. Luke's.



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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me; he has sent me to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind; to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19.

Lay Worship Leaders

Dr. Keenan Dungey
Mr. Fred Jarosz
Mr. Harold Meek
Mr. Pete Sherman

Eucharistic Ministers

Dr. Keenan Dungey
Mr. Larry Embury
Ms. Tucker Heitman
Mr. David Hopper
Mrs. Marian Hopper
Mr. Fred Jarosz
Mr. Harold Meek
Mr. Patrick Moore
Mr. Pete Sherman



Organist

Mrs. Barbara Sternitzke
Acolytes
Mr. Larry Embury, Master

Altar Guild

Mrs. Alice Embury
Ms. Tucker Heitman
Mrs. Janet Stormer

Feed the Kids

Servers' Committee:
Alice Page, Chair
Bill Crompton
EFM Volunteers

Church School Teachers

Father Shawn
Dr. Keenan Dungey
(Also Music Director)
Mrs. Wendy Lyons
Mrs. Malou McQuillan
Mrs. Alice Page
Mrs. Barb Sherman
Mr. Pete Sherman
Assistant:
Mrs. Angie Taylor
Sub:
Mrs. Mary Denney

From the Vicar — A Report

This past synodical year has been marked by improvements to the physical plant at St. Luke's and continued vitality in the congregation. We strive always to live up to our Bishop's call to be incarnate in our community.

Confirmation

The Bishop's second Visitation and first Confirmations were at St. Luke's on Sunday, April 10. Ten persons, one adult and nine youth, were confirmed.

Building Improvements

Last fall, the Church was re-roofed. We knew we had several layers of shingles, but were surprised when the contractor found the original shake shingle roof, and little else, under those layers. This summer, we repainted both the interior and exterior of the Church, replaced the front steps and installed new outdoor lighting. Refurbished railings are to be installed shortly. Our next task is planning for facility expansion.

Church Camp

We have had an exciting summer at St. Luke's. 11 campers from St. Luke's attended the 2011 Episcopal Church Camp at Lake Bloomington. The Church was again able to supply all fees and costs of transportation for the campers. The overall cost for support of the program was in excess of \$3000. Friends from Christ the King, Normal, provided lunch for the trip home as they have in the past.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Our annual VBS, held June 6-11, was attended by 65 different children, a large number of whom had not previously been involved in our Church programs. This year we limited enrollment to those completing 5th grade and under. Eleven youth from St. Luke's over the age threshold attended and assisted as volunteers. We also had a tremendous group of adult volunteers to help with teaching and crafts, and some extra volunteers to help with our field trip to the YMCA indoor water park in Taylorville. 60 children and youth were part of the field trip, for which we rented a school bus, and took some additional vehicles. The young people had a marvelous time. Volunteers from Episcopal Food

Ministries served nearly 500 meals in the course of the week, including a special dinner following the well-attended Saturday Eucharist, to which all parents were invited.

Our program was complicated this year by the fact that we have less space, having torn down the house behind the Church previously used for classrooms. We decided to rent a tent to be set up behind the Church, which we used for meals and classes. Music and crafts were done indoors. The tent proved to be a good outreach tool into the neighborhood.

Church School & Feed The Kids

Church School will begin again on the first Sunday in October, with the expectation that a number of new pupils will be incorporated from among our VBS participants. Our Sunday meal program has continued throughout the summer, and will be a part of our program in the fall. The Episcopal Food Ministries group, which was participants from all three local congregations, provides a meal on the fourth Sunday of every month. The costs for the other 3-4 Sundays are covered by St. Luke's, with volunteers from the congregation (and some additional friends) preparing the meals.

Financial Support

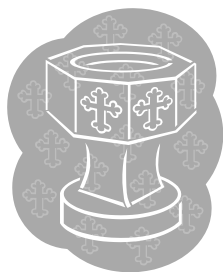
Pledge and other income are continuing at a pace in excess of budget projections, making possible improvements both in program and facilities. We look forward to beginning fundraising in the near future for construction of an additional building to house our children's programs, in particular.

St. Luke's is truly a place that welcomes everyone -- not just with a sign that says that. One of the greatest joys of our work in recent years has been the experience of being incarnate in our community -- of being a place that everyone in the area looks to and looks after as their Church, regardless of their church affiliation -- of being a place manifested by acts that show the all-consuming and transforming love of Christ.

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Baptisms

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered on Sunday, October 2nd. Please contact Fr. Denney for more information.



We have had three baptisms so far this year — Tarell Borner, on February 6, Elizabeth Animasaun on February 13 and Serious Weatherspoon on May 8.



Father Shawn baptizes Serious on May 8th. Mother Laura is in the background.

Church School For Children Starts

Church School will start on October 2nd. A special **"thank you"** is extended to all who have volunteered to teach or assist with this year's program. Space is always an issue but God does provide. We are utilizing the basement of the church for 1 class, and 4 classes are being held in the church. We are blessed with at least 34 different children as we start.

Church School is for children and youth, pre-k though high school. We start promptly at 9:20 a.m. with prayer/ mini-sermon, a few songs

and then go to individual classes until shortly before Mass begins.

We will also start a high school youth program this year. The youth group will meet during the week, on a monthly basis, at a location to be determined. Pete and Barb Sherman will lead this program, and high school students should indicate interest in participating. High school students are still encouraged to participate in Sunday classes.



Adult Class Will Continue

St. Luke's adult class has been meeting on Sundays after the 8 a.m. mass. With the start of Church School, we will be moving our meeting time, but that has not been determined at press time. Please indi-

cate your interest in participating to Fr. Shawn.

We continue with discussion using the book *Practice Resurrection* by Eugene Peterson. Bettie Allen is our facilitator.



Nursery Provided at 10:30 A.M.

Candace Brewer, one of our high school youth, has volunteered to take care of those children who need to be in a nursery during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday.

This should be a help to those parents whose children are not of an age to sit through the service. We thank Candace for her work in this area. Her first Sunday, September 18, was certainly a success.



WOW (Women Of the Way)

WOW has enjoyed welcoming Caroline Animasaun to our church and country and helping her get acquainted with us and with our culture. We hosted Caroline and the girls to lunch. Then a baby shower for Caroline and John's daughter Elizabeth was held at the church in July.

The fall pie sale is underway. We are offering Apple, Cherry, Pecan, Pumpkin, and Chocolate pies which range from \$9-\$12. Though the cost for us has gone up, the sale prices are the same as last year. The proceeds will assist with special projects (past funds have made possible the purchase such items as a new church sign & acolyte vestments).

We have been busy supporting the women of Uganda, Africa to eradicate extreme poverty through a nonprofit organization called Beads For Life.. The Ugandan

women turn colorful recycled paper into beautiful beads. Women in northern Uganda gather shea nuts and press them into shea butter for cosmetics and soaps. The paper beaded jewelry and shea butter become income, food, medicine, school fees and Hope. We will be selling these items at the Synod and St. Luke's.

We also had an informational class regarding Uganda's poverty at our August monthly meeting. All present attempted to roll paper beads.

Each year the ladies take a field trip. This year we went in September to Clinton and toured the C.H. Moore house/museum. All enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at La Tea Da and did some shopping.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 7th. We will meet in the church at 11:30 a.m. — all are asked to bring their own lunch.



More Improvements

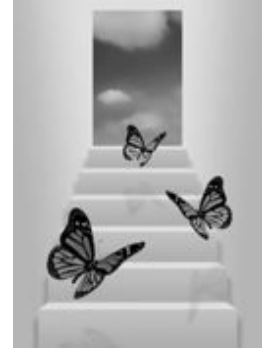
St. Luke's church has recently made more improvements from last fall's and this spring's projects. The past projects included: new roof, demolition of the Ivy House, new signs, which include times of services and an Anglican Communion notice, church ceiling dusting, new coat of paint in the church, gutters cleaned and outside bushes trimmed.

The new projects completed this summer included: Painting the outside of the church cream and all trim cherry red. The old steps

taken out in front of the church and new steps installed. New security lights were installed and the sound system was repaired just this week.

The St. Luke's building has had more done to it in one year than during any comparable period in the past 100+ years. The only project upcoming at this time is the reinstallation of rails for the front steps.

Thanks to all who helped with or contributed to these varied projects.



Men's Prayer Breakfasts

Breakfasts are scheduled for **Friday, October 28** and **Friday December 2**, beginning at **7:00 a.m.**

We have breakfast, a time of fellowship and a time for prayer, concluding promptly at **8 a.m.** All men from the congregation are invited, and are encouraged to bring guests.



Thanksgiving Day Service

Please join us at St. Luke's at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 24, as we give thanks to God for His many blessings bestowed upon us as individuals and as a people.

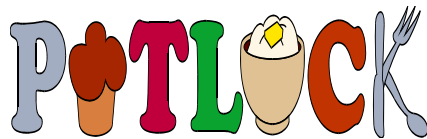
Thanksgiving Day is included in the calendar of our church, and it has been our tradition to celebrate it with an act of worship.



St. Luke's Day Celebration

We will keep our Patronal Festival, the Feast of St. Luke, on **Tuesday, October 18**, with a service at **6:00 p.m.** Our Bishop will be marking this day with us, celebrating the Eucharist and preaching.

We will share a potluck meal after the service. The main course will be provided. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share. We hope that all will be able to join us for this special service.



Diocesan Synod

The 134th Synod of the Diocese of Springfield will convene in Belleville on Friday and Saturday, October 21st & 22nd. Mrs. Alice Page and Mrs. Wendy Lyons will serve as our Synod Delegates.

St. Luke's will also have a display at the Synod which will cover the work of Uganda women and their flight from poverty.

Please keep our Bishop and the work of the Synod in your prayers.



All Saints and All Souls

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints with two services on **Tuesday, November 1**, at **8 a.m.** and **5 p.m.** This is a major feast of the church and all are encouraged to make a special effort to attend one of the masses.

The All Souls Day Requiems will be at **7:30 a.m.** (our regular **Wednesday service time**) and at **5 p.m. Wednesday, November 2.** Forms will be provided for the listing of those you would like to have remembered at the Mass.



Please remember the following persons at the Altar of St. Luke's Church on All Souls' Day.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please return to the Church by Sunday, October 30.

