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2011 Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 2012

Agenda

Call to Order, Ron Wendle, President
Opening Prayer, Rev. David Lyon, Pastor
Approval of Minutes
Election
(Report of Nominating Committee - Inside front cover)
Old Business
New Business
Adjournment
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Treasurer's Report
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Music Committee Report
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Busy Fingers Report
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St. Luke's Church Council 2011

Elders	Deacons
Nancy Meyer (2012)	Karen Zuiderhof (2012)
Julie Bernard (2012)	Ron Wendle (2012)
Gerry Brunner (2013)	Erin Reese (2013)
Jodie Puhr (2013)	Kent Bredehoeft (2013)
Phil Parrino (2014)	Patti McGuire (2014)
Tonya O'Boyle (2014)	Bob Krawczyk (2014)
Treasurer: Mel Sehrt	Memorial Fund Advisor: Marita Ray

St. Luke's Board of Christian Education 2011

Courtney Brown (2012)	Chrissy Arnold (2012)
Ryan O'Boyle (2012)	Leah Jennings (2013)
Barb Parrino (2013)	Maggie Wisemore (2013)
Kyle Hommes (2014)	Marsha Penny (2014)
Kim Randel (2014)	

Living Memorial Committee 2011

Dorothy Van Hoy (2012)	Earl Bowman (2012)
Allana Kirkbride (2013)	Mabel Winburn (2013)

Nominating Committee

Patti McGuire	Freda Dobler
Jeff Ray	Crystal Todd
Paul Rochowiak	David Lyon

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominees for positions open January 2012:

Church Council (Three Year Terms):

Larry Franciskato (Elder)	Crystal Todd (Deacon)
Jessica Moore (Elder)	Dan O'Neill (Deacon)

Board of Christian Education (Three Year Terms):

Linda Sehrt Heather Finch John Curtis

Living Memorial Committee (Two Year Terms):

Harold Gertz Freda Dobler

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

DAVID T. LYON, PASTOR

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Epiphany 2012,

Dear Members and Friends,

It's hard for me to believe that I've been your pastor and teacher for over twenty years . A number of you have voiced concerns about St. Luke's as we move into a time of transition as my ministry here ends with my retirement. I have no doubt that St. Luke's will thrive in the years and decades ahead. Three powerful and positive realities stand out as I pause to ponder your future. First, is the quality of our lay leadership. We are truly blessed to have such a fine collection of individuals ready and able to lead. Second, people are genuinely eager to step up and provide that much needed leadership. It is rare for our Nominating Committee to get a "no" when they ask people to give their leadership gifts to their church. And third, St. Luke's has developed a rare capacity to disagree without being disagreeable. Over the years faithful people have expressed real differences of opinion while at the same time respecting those with whom they disagree. That trait and quality is altogether scarce in our world today. I am firmly convinced that outstanding clergy leadership will present itself to this special family of God's people. Many years ago our late dear friend George Berkemeier spoke of the "goodly heritage" we have inherited at St. Luke's. Mr. B was talking about more than just the solid money in our Memorial Fund. He was speaking of people and their willingness to serve and witness well and wisely in and for St. Luke's as well as the wider church and world.

God bless.

David

"Never place a period where God has place a comma" (Gracie Allen)

God is still speaking,

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2011

Church council president, Ron Wendle, called the meeting to order. Reverend Lyon offered a prayer.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2010 meeting. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Ron introduced the nominating committee recommendations for the following:

Church Council – Phil Parrino, Tonya O'Boyle, Patti McGuire and Bob Krawcyzk

Board of Christina Education – Kyle Hommes, Marsha Penny and Kim Randel

Living Memorial Committee – Allana Kirkbride and Mabel Winburn

As there were no additional nominees, Ron moved to accept nominees. Nominations were accepted.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zuiderhof,
Secretary

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MINUTES FROM SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MAY 22, 2011

Ron Wendle called the meeting to order and Reverend Lyon opened with a prayer.

Ron reported that the purpose of the meeting was to address the bequest by Ed Multhaupt. Mr. Multhaupt left bequests to relatives, as well as St. Luke's Church in Wellington for the upkeep of the cemetery.

The bequest to St. Luke's included:

- Three Certificate of Deposits.
- A portion (34%) of an annuity.
- A two-bedroom residence and 30 acres on 6 Mile Church Road in Eastern Jackson County. The residence is approximately 40 years old, and has been vacant for several years.

Ron reported that the recommendation of the council is to sell the property in its 'as is' condition. Ron asked for a motion from the congregation to enable the council to act in the best interest of the church. A motion was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
JUNE 12, 2011

Reverend Lyon explained that President Ron Wendle and Vice President Jodie Puhr were both out of town so he had asked Bob Krawczyk to lead the meeting. Reverend Lyon offered a prayer. Bob called the meeting to order.

Copies of the budget with actual figures through April were distributed to the congregation.

Bob explained the fiscal year ends June 30 and that the deacons, along with Mel and Marita, had developed the budget and presented it to the church council last week which voted to present it to the congregation.

Bob explained the various revenue and expense lines of the budget. Offerings are down approximately 10% from last year. Our deficit will be taken from the Twiehaus fund – part from the earnings and part from principal.

Bob asked for any questions. There were none so Dan O'Neill moved that we accept the proposed budget. The motion was seconded, and the congregation voted to approve the budget.

As there was no additional business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zuiderhof
Secretary

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING,
OCTOBER 2, 2011

Council president, Ron Wendle, called the meeting to order. Reverend Lyon offered a prayer.

Ron explained to the congregation that the purpose of this meeting was to get congregational approval for replacement of pew pads and carpeting in the sanctuary.

Jeff Ray shared a Powerpoint presentation on the current conditions of the carpet and pew pads along with the specs and costs to replace as well as explained the process of padding the pews. The costs of the pads is $11,513.60 (Pad-A-Pew) and the carpet replacement is $8,733.26 for a total of $20,246.86. Memorial funds to be designated for this project total $3,656.00 leaving a balance of $16,590.86.

Crystal Todd asked about the wear life of the products. The pew pads are guaranteed for 20 years (the company hasn't been doing them longer than that) and the carpet is good for 30+ years. This carpet is a commercial grade, higher density carpet than what we currently have and should last a long time. Jeff passed around samples of both the carpet and pew pad fabric.

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, OCTOBER 2, 2011 CONTINUED

A question was asked about the pew pads in the fellowship hall. Another question was asked about replacing fabric in the pew pads if damaged. Jeff indicated the fabric has a 10 year warranty. The fabric is also treated with a stain protector. The committee who investigated the options (Jeff and Marita Ray, Nancy and Joe Meyer, Ron and Donna Ritter) visited another church in the area that has pew pads from this company. They are very pleased and have not had any problems with their pew pads since installed four years ago.

Ron thanked the committee and explained that due to the age and condition of the current carpet, it cannot be cleaned. He also explained that the Multhaupt estate has been settled.

He explained the council is asking the congregation for permission to proceed with the caveat that anyone who wants to donate to this project is welcome to and the remaining balance to be paid from the Multhaupt funds.

Jeff said the carpet and pew pads would probably be done by Thanksgiving.

Crystal Todd recommended we include the fellowship hall pews. The question was asked if any of the current pew cushions are salvageable and could be used in the fellowship hall. None are salvageable for that purpose. A question was asked about snagging the fabric. The church they visited had had no problems with snagging.

Jeff went to measure the pews in the fellowship hall and indicated there were about 100 feet which would add about $1,500-$2,000 to the cost.

Ron asked for permission to proceed with the carpet and pew pads paid for by donations and the Multhaupt funds.

Motion was made and seconded. A question was asked if we were discussing carpet color. Ron explained that the architect for the building remodel (Vicky Borchers) recommended we stay with red to match the carpeting in the foyer.

Motion made, seconded and approved to move forward with the carpeting and pew pads project as recommended by the church council.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zuiderhof,
Secretary

CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

As my term on St. Luke's Council and my second year as the President of the Council comes to an end, I want to again thank the congregation for the privilege and honor to serve in both capacities. I want to offer a special thank you to David, Nanette, Boyd and the members of the Council for helping to make my task much easier. Also, a special thank you to all those individuals that work behind the scene to make St. Luke's such a great place to worship.

This past year has been a very busy place at St. Luke's and I plan to highlight only a few of the many things that have occurred.

At the end of July the congregation celebrated David's twentieth anniversary as our pastor and teacher. Believe it or not the theme of the celebration was baseball. The festivities actually began during the worship service when David was presented an "MVP Award" (Most Valuable Pastor).After the worship service we moved into the fellowship hall for lunch and 20-individuals representing various groups in the congregation told why we love David.

The CE Board completed a very successful Sunday school program in May and kicked off another program in September. St. Luke's is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals who give of their time and talents to make Christian education an important part of the children's lives.

David and Marita are working with another confirmation class consisting of two young ladies and four young gentlemen. In October this group traveled to St. Charles to visit the Emmaus Home and then on to St. Louis where they visited Eden Seminary. The confirmation trip is an important part of the confirmation experience and this year's trip was no exception.

The Youth group has started raising money for their mission trip next year to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The youth and their leaders Jodie Puhr, Ryan and Tonya O'Boyle are working hard to make this another successful mission trip.

We celebrated another "Polka Sunday" in July. Boyd and a group of talented friends from "Canada" made this occasion a highly entertaining and memorable Sunday worship service.

St. Luke's participated in the national church's "Mission 1" campaign to raise awareness to growing problem of hunger in our communities, our country and around the world.

In July the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa began using the chapel for their worship service on Sunday morning. The church that had been renting the Samoan congregation space for worship was sold and the new owners did not want to continue the rental arrangement.

The Samoan church hosted the Midwest Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries regional gathering at St. Luke's in July. Delegates to this event came from throughout the Midwest and expressed their gratitude to St. Luke's for allowing them to use our facilities.

In March Ed Multhaupt, a long time member of St. Luke's, died. In his will Ed was extremely generous to St. Luke's. He had bequeathed to the church a 2-bedroom home located on 30-acres in eastern Jackson County plus certificates of deposit and an annuity. The home and acreage has been sold.

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The Council will consider various suggestions for the use of this gift and bring recommendations to the congregation for approval.

The pew pads in the sanctuary were replaced after having been in service approximately 35-years. Replacing the carpet in the sanctuary was delayed due to a problem getting the right color carpet from the mill. These expenditures were paid for with Memorial Funds from Howard King, Jack Kirkbride, & Carolyn Ray, as well as individual donations and money from the Multhaupt estate. I wish to thank the committee that worked on researching information on the different types of materials and costs of the new carpeting and pew pads.

The fiscal year that ended in June continued a trend whereby we failed to meet the budgetary goals that the congregation authorized by approving the annual budget. In order to meet this deficit, Mel Sehrt, the Treasurer, used the interest generated by the Twiehaus Fund. But, more importantly he also had to use a portion of the principal from the Twiehaus Fund. This last item means that there will be less interest generated by the Twiehaus Fund to help cover expenses in the future, Also, if we continue to use the principal, we will eventually reach a point were the Twiehaus money will be gone.

Unfortunately the trend for the first half of the fiscal year indicates we will face an even greater deficit at the end of June 2012. The Council has worked diligently to keep the budget as low as possible by giving only modest raises to the staff and reducing expenses at every opportunity. I fear that if St. Luke's continues to fail to meet its financial obligations the Council may be forced at some point in the future to reduce the number of persons on the staff in order stay within our budget restraints. Can you imagine how St. Luke's would function if this happens?

St. Luke's proudly proclaims that the congregation is a member of the United Church of Christ. The congregation can trace its history back to its Evangelical roots which was one of the four major Protestant denominations that merged to form the United Church of Christ in 1957. Being a church in the United Church of Christ implies that we are in a loving, covenantal relationship with other congregations, Associations, Conferences and the national church. This covenantal relationship also brings responsibilities one of which is to financially support the activities of the wider church. St. Luke's support of Our Church's Wider Mission has continued a steady decline over the last several years. The money for Our Church's Wider Mission is not a budgeted item. Only offerings designated for this specific use are sent to the Conference and the national church. Our contributions provide our great denomination the resources needed to continue the various ministries associated with the United Church of Christ.

Finally, in September David announced that he would be retiring in February 2012 after faithfully serving St. Luke's for more than 20-years. His announcement was received with a mixture of emotions. A few of the emotions include: sadness at his leaving; joy in the fact that he and Paula will begin a new stage in their lives; and anxiety about what will happen as we begin the next chapter in St. Luke's proud history.

The Council is working to secure the services of an Interim Pastor during this time of transition. Why an "Interim Pastor" and not a "Called Pastor?" Experience has shown that if a congregation rushes out and calls a pastor soon after a beloved and long term pastor leaves that individual will in all likelihood fail. An Interim Pastor has several obligations to the congregation. First, this person gives St. Luke's time to "heal" from the trauma of David's leaving. An analogy is that if a couple is in a long term committed relationship and one partner dies, the surviving partner does not immediately seek a new partner. St. Luke's needs this time of healing. Secondly, we have an opportunity to perform a realistic self-assessment of who we are as a congregation and to determine our strengths and weaknesses. Third, the church has opportunity to decide the direction we want to move toward in the future. What will St. Luke's look like in 5-years, 10-years, 20 years? Fourth, the church can take time to select the type of pastor we want to lead us. I believe if **we** are patient and truly discern the will of the Holy Spirit, that God will provide the pastoral leadership we need to guide us in our continuing faith journey as a congregation.

Respectfully,

Ron Wendle,
Council President

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2011

Treasurer's Report is available from the church office.

AUDIT COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Ron Ritter and I met with Mel Sehrt to audit the fiscal year 2011 (July 2010 - June 2011) financial statements. The monthly reports are accurate and consistent with bank records. The expenses are well documented with receipts and bills. All bank statements and investment statements are organized and available.

The fiscal year 2011 audit passes. Mel has done a great job as Treasurer. Thanks Mel for all your hard work and time in keeping the financial side of St. Lukes in order.

Chris Bernard and Ron Ritter

ST. LUKE'S LIVING MEMORIAL FUNDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Earl Bowman, Allana Kirkbride, Dorothy Van Hoy, Mabel Winburn, and Marita Ray served on the Memorial Committee in 2011. Our memorial funds were used in many ways at St. Luke's this year.

The five funds into which our memorial monies are divided are as follows:

1. **Scholarship Fund for Church Related Vocations** - for graduate studies in the field of Christian ministry.
2. **Local Congregation Scholarship Fund** - for members of our local congregation attending college or vocational school.
3. **Church Program Fund** - for Christian Education, library and media, youth, music and the performing arts, and van rental.
4. **Church Improvement Fund** - for equipment and emergency building needs.
5. **Church Mission Fund** - for community and world mission projects.

The principal amount in each of these funds is invested. As our by-laws stipulate, only earnings accrued by these funds may be spent. Thus, the memorial funds provide an ongoing source of revenue to help our church each year.

The rest of the Memorial Fund Report can be requested from the church office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Board of Christian Education has had a very busy year. We tried to address the needs of all of the various groups at St. Luke's. The Board members for 2011 were Leah Jennings, President; Courtney Brown, Chrissy Arnold, Ryan O'Boyle, Barb Parrino and Maggie Wisemore, Kyle Hommes, Marsha Penny, & Kim Randel.

Even thought it wasn't a Mission Trip year, the Youth Group continued to be very active in 2011. In January they helped with a potluck dinner & white elephant bingo, in March they had a lock-in, and in April they hosted the annual Easter breakfast. After having the summer off they resumed activities in September and kicked off their next Mission Trip on October 23rd with a dinner and program. They will be traveling to Pine Ridge, SD to work with Re-Member, a UCC sponsored organization on the Oglala Lakota Reservation in July of 2012.

The Children's Sunday School continued to grow. We wrapped up "St. Luke's Critter Club" in May. The kids continued adding critter coins and stuffed animals to their backpacks. By the end of the Sunday School year the backpacks and critters drug the floor behind the kids. It was certainly a fun sight to see. If David drew their coin or critter they got to pick from the lollipop tree for prizes that included money or a pick from the coveted treasure chest. Over the summer we continued with the lollipop tree and every kid that attended church won a prize. In September 2011 we introduced our new "Key & Treasure" Sunday School program. The first Sunday that the kids attend Sunday School they receive a large acrylic key made by Bob Fry. Every Sunday after that the kids get to pick a key chain that attached to their key. During Children's Moment, Pastor David draws one of the key chains from a basket. If they have that animal they get to pick a prize from the lollipop tree. Every fourth Sunday that a kid is in attendance David gives them a skunk with a key in its tail. The key opens one of 3 special treasure chests that include prizes ranging from candy to gift cards to money.

We maintained good attendance in all of our Sunday School classes. We have wonderful teachers in the classrooms, assisting, doing crafts, and storytelling. We are experiencing a wonderful time of growth at our church with as many as 21 in our Children's Sunday School Program and up to 25+ attending Adult & Young Adult Sunday School.

Vacation Bible School was another huge success as we decided to continue it at St. Luke's. Chrissy Arnold arranged a wonderful Saturday of fun and learning. We explored God's Big Back Yard with a campfire, tent, and trees set up in our Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all those that volunteered. In December, Courtney Brown & Kim Randel directed "The Animal's Christmas Eve". It was performed in the sanctuary with the preschool and baby class singing "Away in the Manger" accompanied by Trenton Kiesling. Mary Penny read the story and the elementary class acted it out. The youth assisted with the "behind the scenes" duties. Coleman Arnold performed "Jingle Bells" on a percussion instrument during the worship service.

Some other activities that the CE Board helped sponsor this past year were: Graduate Recognition Sunday, Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday, the end of the year Sunday School Party, Halloween Crafts, and a very special visit with Santa.

The CE Board would like to thank all of those who have helped make the year a success. When looking back over the calendar and seeing all that happened in the past year, it is almost overwhelming. These things are not possible without those that volunteer to organize the event as well as those that participate. Don't hesitate to talk to any member of the Board if you have any suggestions or questions. Thank you for your wonderful support of all that we do.

God Bless,
Nanette Moore, Coordinator of Christian Learning

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Like a river, time moves on and on. The river is never the same, though it may look to be the same. It flows faster, slower, and the content continually changes. The music program at St. Luke's is mostly the same, but we have had some changes, and know there will be more changes for us in the future.

I would like to thank several of our bell players and a choir member for their years of service to St. Luke's. Wini Baker sang in the choir for many years. Harold Gertz and Dick Hempenius were members of the bell choir for many years, also. We appreciate their faithful attendance for rehearsals and performances! We aren't the same without them!

Carol Lyon continues to play the piano in a number of roles, during the worship service and to warm the choir up at rehearsals. I enjoy performing piano and organ duets on occasion with her. I know the congregation is blessed by her musical talents.

The hand bells performed many times during the year. We traveled to "The Fountains" in March and performed a program of favorite music for the residents there. They enjoyed the music and Coleman did a great job as a "clock ticking" and as a "clock winder." Courtney Brown has been good to 'fill in' on a number of occasions for us, and we thank her.

The choir continues to perform every Sunday during the regular season, and a few times during the summer. We are thankful for their beautiful voices that enhance our worship service so often. Both the choir and the hand bells appreciate your applause on occasion, and as Pastor David sometimes says, after the clapping stops, "Cookies on Wednesday!"

The Polka Service featured a band from a country north of us. "Canada, eh?" A mixture of French and English performers featured the rousing singing of their national anthem, "Oh Canada!" It was the Tenth Time Ever for the summer Polka Service. (And Pastor David originally thought it would never work for St. Luke's!)

The most important musical members of St. Luke's are the congregation members. I thank all of YOU for singing mightily, supporting the music program, and participating in many ways, through the choir, the hand bells, playing instruments, singing solos, and being there in the pews. Just like a river is made up of the water moving within it, St. Luke's is composed of all of us together, on Sundays, special worship times, and in all of its activities and events throughout the year. We "keep it flowing."

God bless all of you, now, and in the times ahead!

Boyd Ahrens, Director of Music

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

We are so very blessed at St. Luke's to have a staff that works for her and does so with such grace and love. David our Pastor, Nanette Moore our Director of Christian Education and Administrative Assistant, Boyd Ahrens the Music Director, and our church custodians, the Curtis family remain as the "paid" staff at St. Luke's.

David has continued to guide us being a true servant leader and making a difference in many lives. Nanette is a compassionate presence for all members, not just our young people. Boyd continues to be a joy to all in the choirs and adds so much to the worship services and the musical heritage of St. Luke's. John and Bev continue to care for the church interior.

This year marks the beginning of a significant change for our Church. David has announced his retirement in February of 2012. This will put us on a journey to first support an interim minister selected by the Church Council and then focusing our prayers on a search committee that will serve us to find and recommend as our next full time minister.

Grateful hearts go out to our many volunteers, the Board of Christian Education, the Church Council members and all the others who serve our beloved St. Luke's selflessly; Christian service at its finest. As a special note, Jeff Ray continues to quietly but so very effectively manage the church building and grounds. Jeff your service is greatly appreciated, thank you for making a difference.

Thank you to all of the staff as well as the many volunteers who work hard to keep St. Luke's United Church of Christ as a strong beacon for Christianity in our community.

Respectfully,
Kent Bredehoeft

MUSIC COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

It is always a pleasure to chair the Music Committee. Anytime you deal with our Music Director, Boyd Ahrens, you know you are in for a treat. Both the Chancel and Bell choirs continue to provide a beautiful and meaningful musical worship experience. Although they so deserve their summer hiatus, the Congregation is always so anxious for their return in the fall. Boyd puts a great deal of thought and time into selection of hymns and chorale pieces in order to tie the music into the stages of the worship service as well as the messages of the lesson and the Pastor's sermon.

St. Luke's has been truly blessed over the years to have dedicated members of both the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir. They enjoy not only enhancing the worship experience for the congregation, but also the joyful and supportive fellowship that these groups bring to each member. They are not professional musicians and singers. They are a collection of faithful volunteers who love music and make it their "gift" to the church.

While we have seen an increase in numbers recently in both choirs, we also have to face the fact that the Chancel Choir in particular does not have a wide range in age for the majority of their singers. At an age where most are retired and would like to travel or kick back and relax at the lake for a few weeks, with such small numbers, it is not possible to do that and not have it readily apparent in the service. We have also had some members with health issues that kept them away. Krista has joined us in the alto section and Karen Puhr can happily say she is no longer our youngest member! But our numbers are dwindling.

Music has been such an important and enriching factor in the worship services throughout St. Luke's history. Those in the choirs want that to continue as much as the congregation. However, time does not have a habit of stopping for any of us. We need fresh faces to ensure that the music ministry at St Luke's continues for many more years. Come join us! Each of us has a gift to share. Yes, it is a commitment, but it can become a labor of love also. Yes, it can be inconvenient at times to make practice every Wednesday evening, but we don't make it every week sometimes either. The paybacks? Those are amazing!

Patti McGuire, Music Chairperson

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

We have just completed another very busy year for the facilities at St. Luke's. Even though he is officially retired, Bob Fry is always willing to act as a sounding board to me and to help when asked. I coerced him into refinishing the east entry doors last fall, which have not been redone since they were new about 10 years ago when we did the hall way project and were badly weathered on the exterior side.

The parking lot has not been sealed since a few years before major repair work was completed in 2008 and was in need of this maintenance. Parking lots are expensive to maintain and the Living Memorial Funds have been used many times over the years to defray this ongoing cost.

Major facility projects that were initiated in 2011 were:

- Installation of new carpet in the Sanctuary.
- Installation of new pew pads in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Total cost of the new carpet and pew pads was approximately $22,000. The carpet and pew pads that were replaced in the Sanctuary were over 30 years old.
- Filled cracks, sealed the parking lot and drive, and restriped at a cost of approximately $8,000 (taken from Memorial Fund for Major Repairs).

Many other inside and outside jobs were also completed including repair of various plumbing items and toilets, ice maker repair (an annual activity), cleaning the folding machine, and repair of the water fountain. As usual, several people helped on several occasions with ongoing tasks such as replacing light bulbs, trimming bushes and trees, spraying weeds, planting flowers, raking leaves, removing and replacing ac covers, cleaning the playground tiles, stripping and waxing floors (thanks to Mike Moore for doing this special project in the Sanctuary before the new carpet was installed), etc. The "honey do" list at such a large facility never ceases growing even though there is a long list of people that are always glad to help. Thanks to all of you who cheerfully (at least to my face) say yes when asked, and a special thanks to Jerry Brunner for his help and serving as Building and Grounds chair on the Council.

Submitted by Jeff Ray

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Our committee served 3 dinners this year, again with all the help from those who donated various food dishes. Again we say a BIG THANK YOU from the committee.

Mabel Winburn, Francis Heman & Virginia Knoche

SCHOLARSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

LOCAL CONGREGATION

For the fall, 2011 semester, St. Luke's provided $3,900 in scholarships to six students and one graduate student. Currently, undergraduates receive $600 for the semester; graduate students receive $300. For the spring, 2012 semester, $3,900 in scholarships were awarded to six undergraduates and one graduate student. They received the same amounts as in the fall.

CHURCH RELATED VOCATIONS

For the fall 2011 semester, St. Luke's provided $150 for Church Related Scholarships to one student. For the spring, 2012 semester, $300 in Church Related Scholarships were awarded to two students.

Thank you, Nancy Meyer, Scholarship Committee

BUSY FINGERS
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The quilters quilted 8 quilts and donated $175 to I-Share, $175 to Hope House, $175 to Steppingstone, $175 to Habitat for Humanity, & $175 to Holiday Helpers. The animal designers made and delivered 203 animals to Children's Mercy Hospital. We had a very productive year.

Virginia Knoche

OUTREACH COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Outreach Committee sends cards to members of St. Luke's who are sick, hospitalized or recovering at home from surgery or injury. We also send cards to those who have lost a loved one as well as those celebrating the birth of a new baby. During the holiday season, we send Christmas cards to our homebound or nursing home members.

Submitted by Karen Zuiderhof

In Memory Of Our Loved Ones

Celia Eudy	January 8, 2011
Edna Bransteitter	March 6, 2011
Edward Multhaupt	March 21, 2011
Lester Risinger	March 22, 2011
Jack Kirkbride	March 28, 2011
Keolna Angelides	July 10, 2011
Mae Lefman	July 26, 2011
Earl Bowman	August 16, 2011
Hildegarde Hommes	August 18, 2011