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GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH // JANUARY 2026 // VOLUME 1

# THE MESSENGER

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.



“but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

-Matthew 6:20-21

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## January's devotional:

*Perpetual*

Judy- deliverabledevotionals.com

Yesterday I drank coffee from my mother's favorite coffee cup. I remember the cup being around since I was a child. The handle is now broken, and a small crack runs down the front. Perhaps I should just put it away and keep it for sentimental value, but not actually drink from it daily. What good is a cup if you can't drink from it? I carefully put it back in the cabinet where I knew I could reach for it again. Do you have anything that you think will last forever? Anything that you think everyone will want when you are gone, not for its monetary value, or sentimental value, but something that will actually be used? Today as I look at my "stuff" I don't find anything that fits that description. I see a few things that might be useful for a while, but certainly not forever. It would be nice if my mother's cup was a perpetual cup. Some day my mother's great great great grandchild could drink from it. Wouldn't that be nice? I don't think any amount of super glue could ensure the cup will even make it to the next generation. Perpetual is defined as enduring forever, everlasting, indefinite, continuous. Nope, this cup is definitely not that. The only thing I possibly have to pass on fitting that description is the opportunity for generations after me to drink from not my mother's blue cup but from the Father's everlasting cup. May each of us live our lives in such a way that generations after us will always have the Truth of God's unending love in their daily lives. God is a perpetual God. He continually saves, heals, and delivers from generation to generation.

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We are a church who believes in the power of prayer.

If you have a prayer request,  
send an email to our Prayer Request Line  
StLukesCCPrayerLine@gmail.com 24/7!

We would love to pray for you.



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**Mon-Thurs:** 9a-4p

**Worship Times:**

**Sun:** 9a & 11a

**Wed:** 7p

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# A Note From Pastor Brad

## SENIOR PASTOR OF ST. LUKE'S



### The hopes and fears of all the years...

"The Lord is near." – Philippians 4:5b

While I am late in getting this article to Amber (She is ever-patiently impatient with me!), I must admit that I was somewhat at a loss for what to write for this January edition of The Messenger. What sort of blessing might I share for a brand new year? What word of hope and encouragement could I muster that hasn't already been said? And then it dawned on me. I needn't write a new word of hope and encouragement – God has already given us all the hope and encouragement we need.

My beautiful wife, Lisa, shared with me a blessing she received from one of her Ukrainian students (she teaches English to Ukrainians as a means of sharing the love of God to a people under the great distress and persecution of war-torn Ukraine). It was a simple blessing from a wounded veteran that I share with you now:

*"I wish you strength in the coming year to face every lesson with dignity."* – Stanislav Hibadulin (aka "Stas").

*"Strength in the coming year to face every lesson with dignity."* What a blessing!

Last night as I was preparing for our Watchnight Service (a simple Covenant Renewal Service put together by Rev. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement back in 1775), it dawned on me – We were just here a year ago.

What I mean by that is simple. One year ago, on New Year's Eve, we said goodbye to 2024 and wondered what 2025 would bring. None of us knew what to expect. We had hopes and dreams (always for the better), and while loathe to admit it, we also had fears and dreads, too. (There's a hymn line there somewhere, I believe.)

I called together Becky and Lisa for a quick prayer before our Watchnight service began. And as I prayed to God over this coming worship service, I realized in my own praying that the promise of God was never to make any particular year better than the last, only that God would be present in the midst of all that would come along. *"The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."*

And that's when it dawned on me. Our New Year's resolutions really only need to be one thing – to turn Godward, and trust that God's presence with us, in the midst of all that will take place, will be enough. That was God's promise in Isaiah 43, and that was His promise in that manger in Bethlehem: *Immanuel - God is with us.*

As the old saying goes, "we don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." Immanuel. As Paul so eloquently put it in Philippians, "The Lord is near."

And that is enough for me. What about you?

See you in Church!



Grace and Peace,  
Brad

Rev. Dr. Bradley L. DeHaven, Presiding Elder  
Mid Texas Conference, Covenant Area 17



Are you ready to deepen your faith and forge meaningful friendships? At St. Luke's Methodist Church, we believe that faith flourishes when we come together, share experiences, and serve as a united family. Whether you seek a small group, a ministry team, or a committee, we have the ideal opportunity waiting for you!

Join us in our vibrant community! Share your talents, grow in your faith, and illuminate your life in Christ.

To stay informed, ensure you receive our Worship Weekly Newsletter, The Messenger Newsletter, and other important communications. To join our email list, please contact us at [StLukesCC@gmail.com](mailto:StLukesCC@gmail.com).

For emergency alerts, you can subscribe to our texting service, Remind, by sending the text [@church361](https://www.remind.com/join/church361) to 81010 and following the prompts.

## Come join us

### Sunday Services:

- 9am – Infused Service in Moore Hall with Praise Band
- 11am – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

### Sunday School class at 10am:

- Genesis Class – meets in Moore Hall
- Triangle Class – meets in room 109
- Christians Under Construction – meets in room 211
- Children's Sunday School – upstairs in rooms 203 & 205
- Youth Sunday School – upstairs in the Youth Room

### Wednesday's 7pm Prayer and Praise service in the Chapel

### Small Group Gatherings:

- Every Sunday after 9am Worship – Prayer Corner
- Every Sunday after 11 am Worship – Privilege of Prayer
- Every Sunday @ 3pm – Emmaus Reunion Group
- 3rd Monday of the month @ 5:30pm – Girlfriends in Grace
- Every Monday @ 7:30am – Men's Breakfast @ Santa Rosa Restaurant 2722 S. Staples
- Every Tuesday @ 5:30pm – Men's Group
- Every Wednesday @ 4:30 pm – Youth Group
- Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month @ 7pm – Fourth Friday Forty-Two Fellowship

## Gifts and Tithes

Ways to give....



We offer multiple payment options for your convenience, including checks, cash, debit card, credit card, and ACH. If you require any assistance with your donation, please don't hesitate to contact our church office.





“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,” -- Matthew 25:35

# Our Presence & Gifts

By contributing to any of St. Luke's Mission Outreaches, you are embodying the teachings of Jesus Christ and bringing joy to families in need.

## December's Worship Attendance

### Sunday's Worship Services

| Date  | Service<br>9   11 |    | Attended<br>Online | Visitors | Online<br>(Views) | Weekly Giving |
|-------|-------------------|----|--------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|
| 12/7  | 45                | 47 | 9                  | 20       | 255               |               |
| 12/14 | 45                | 55 | 1                  | 26       | 136               |               |
| 12/21 | 35                | 47 | 4                  | 20       | 104               |               |
| 12/28 | 42                | 36 | 14                 | 19       | 162               |               |

### Christmas Eve Services

| Date  | Service<br>5p   11p |    | Attended Online | Online<br>(Views) |
|-------|---------------------|----|-----------------|-------------------|
| 12/24 | 67                  | 20 | 8               | 130               |

### Wednesday Worship Service

| Date  | Attended<br>In Person | Attended<br>Online | Visitors | Online<br>(Views) |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 12/3  | 9                     | 0                  | 1        | 63                |
| 12/10 | 6                     | 3                  | 0        | 101               |
| 12/17 | 5                     | 2                  | 0        | 86                |
| 12/31 |                       |                    |          |                   |

## December's Communion Rail Offering



We would like to express our gratitude to those who contributed to last month's communion rail offering for the Angel Tree Project. Your generosity brought smiles and warmth to the children in our community, reminding them they are cherished and loved.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact the church office for more information.

## Rebekah's Cupboard

Currently, numerous families in our community are struggling with food insecurity. We invite you to assist Rebekah's Cupboard answer the cries of the needy by sponsoring a bag of groceries monthly. Each bag is priced at \$25. On average, our food pantry distributes 60 bags of groceries, assisting over 100 individuals. Your support of the food pantry can truly make an impact.



There will be a Pantry Reset Meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am in room 109. Everyone is welcome, pantry volunteers are especially encouraged to attend. We will be revising our food pantry going into 2026!

| Rebekah's Cupboard<br>Distribution |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Households Served                  | 65  |
| Individuals Served                 | 102 |
| New to Pantry                      | 4   |



## Financial Assistance Program

St. Luke's Financial Assistance Program was held on December 16<sup>th</sup> to aid those in need with their utilities, electric, or rent. We assist an individual once every year with assistance. The next financial assistance date is January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.



|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Individuals Served | 8  |
| Year to Date       | 66 |

# January's Communion Rail Offering



## New Life Refuge Ministry

OUR VISION  
TO END CHILD TRAFFICKING

### CORE VALUES & BELIEF STATEMENT

FAITH | INTEGRITY | COMPASSION | EXCELLENCE

We believe that every child has a God given purpose and being victimized does not define who they are but rather is simply a part of their story that the Lord can use to bring beauty from. We believe that a New Life is possible for all. We value each and every one along with their stories and walk alongside those we serve as they come to know their true value and purpose.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

YOU can help bring an end to modern day slavery!  
Partner with New Life Refuge Ministries as we work to see the complete eradication of child sex trafficking. Here are some things you can do to join the fight today:

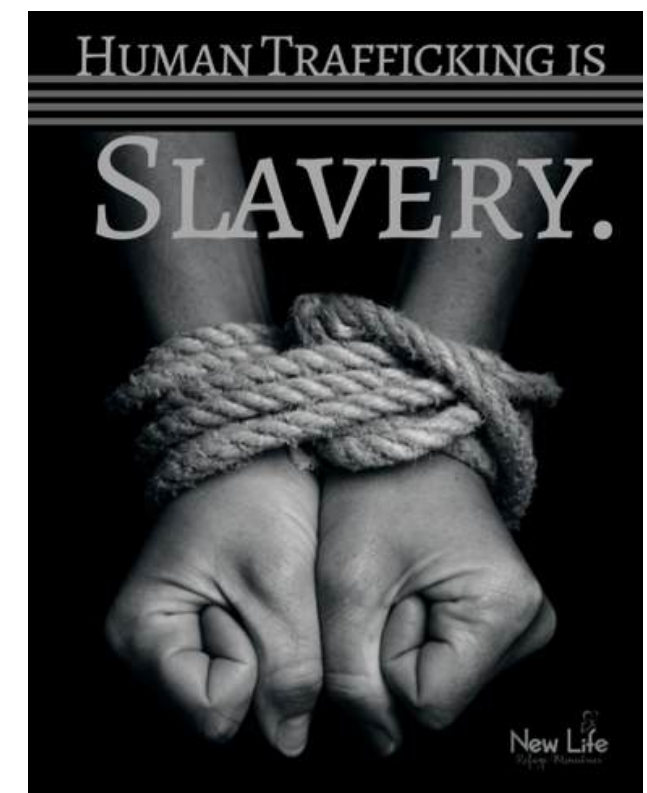
- **PRAY :**  
Tuesdays at 2:00pm - pray for the victims to find FREEDOM, for the traffickers to get JUSTICE & for the demand to END
- **GET EDUCATED :**  
RESEARCH to learn more, request free TRAINING for your staff & TEACH your family and friends the truth about trafficking
- **REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY :**  
Call in TIPS to 1-888-373-7888 & always call 911 if you WITNESS an emergency
- **VOLUNTEER :**  
Go to our website to fill out a volunteer application to share your SKILLS
- **DONATE SERVICES :**  
We are an all-volunteer organization and we appreciate any of your IN-KIND donations
- **FINANCIAL SUPPORT :**  
Either make a one-time GIFT or make MONTHLY contributions

To learn more about NLRM or how you can help visit their website at:  
[NewLifeRefugeMinistries.org](http://NewLifeRefugeMinistries.org)

New Life Refuge Ministries  
9708 SPID, B101, Corpus Christi, Tx 78418  
PO Box 9157, Corpus Christi, Tx 78469  
Phone: 361-946-6331  
Nat'l Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-373-7888  
[info@NewLifeRefugeMinistries.org](mailto:info@NewLifeRefugeMinistries.org)

Our January Communion Rail Offering has been designated to go to New Life Refuge Ministry. New Life Refuge Ministry was founded in 2011 by Minta Moore who continues to serve as the current executive director.

New Life Refuge Ministry serves south Texas with the mission to provide a REFUGE of hope and healing for child survivors of sex trafficking, to provide EDUCATION to the community on the issue, and to establish PARTNERSHIPS with other organizations in the fight against modern day slavery.







# Mission Opportunities



Mission work is God's work. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ!

- Volunteer to be an Office Angel
- Be a Greeter for 9am or 11am worship services
- Volunteer in the Food Pantry
- Serve on a Church Committee
- Start a Class Meeting/Band Meeting
- Volunteer with Texans On Mission

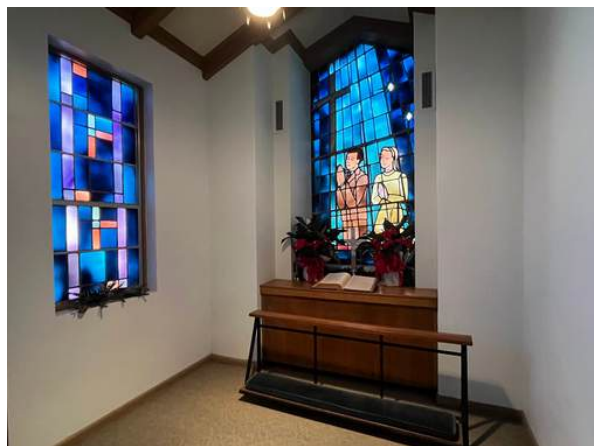
These are just a few opportunities to serve at St. Luke's, for more information on how you can serve please contact the church office today!

## An Inside Look

Located just to the left of the Sanctuary, tucked peacefully behind the stair case in the Narthex there is a simple brown door with a beautiful stained glass window. This is the entrance to the Prayer Room at St. Luke's. The prayer room was dedicated in memory of James Russell Brown on December 9, 2018 by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown. The stained glass window of two youth kneeling prayer was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Butt, Sr.

Inside, the atmosphere is serene and welcoming, providing a sacred space for reflection, meditation, and communion with God. This quiet room is open to all who seek solace or wish to offer prayers.

The Prayer Room is more than just a physical space; it's a symbol of our commitment to nurturing the spiritual well-being of our congregation. It embodies our belief in the transformative power of prayer and the communal bonds that are strengthened when we come together in faith. Whether you're carrying a burden, celebrating a joy, or simply seeking a quiet moment, the Prayer Room is a welcoming haven for all.



## Nominations and Lay Leadership Church Officers 2025

### Church Council Officers

|                                                 |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Board Chair.....                                | Bill Hope                          |
| Lay Member to Annual Conference/Lay Leader..... | Rebecca James                      |
| Youth/Young Adult Rep.....                      | Sarah Edwards                      |
| Finance.....                                    | Jack Johnson (2025)                |
| .....                                           | Melida Davis (2026)                |
| .....                                           | Rudy Martinez (2027)               |
| Stewardship Chair.....                          | Becky Hope (Ex-Officio)            |
| Trustees.....                                   | Bill Hope (2025)                   |
| .....                                           | Stacy Taylor (2025)                |
| .....                                           | Bobby Hill (2026)                  |
| .....                                           | Sue Hoyt (2026)                    |
| .....                                           | Bruce Harbaugh (2027)              |
| Staff-Parish Relations.....                     | Sherrie Johnson (2025)             |
| .....                                           | Rebecca James, Lay Delegate (2026) |
| .....                                           | Jose Parra (2027)                  |
| Secretary.....                                  | Virginia Hopkins                   |

### Staff

|                                          |                             |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Senior Pastor.....                       | Rev. Dr. Bradley L. DeHaven |
| Director of Discipleship Ministries..... | Becky Hope                  |
| Treasurer (Ex-Officio).....              | Annette Chapman             |
| Traditional Music Ministries.....        | Fernando Fernandez          |
| Contemporary Music Ministries.....       | Janice Bailey               |
| Wednesday Worship Leader.....            | Lisa DeHaven                |

### Committee On Nominations and Lay Leadership

| Class of 2025          | Class of 2026 | Class of 2027    |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Nancy Nesbitt          | John Boudreau | Virginia Hopkins |
| Bradley DeHaven, Chair |               |                  |

### Ministry Work Areas (Not Part of the Admin Board)

|                                          |                                   |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Empty Nester Coordinator.....            | Rebecca James                     |
| Food & Fellowship Team Coordinator.....  | Rada Radebaugh & Nancy Nesbitt    |
| Discipleship Coordinator.....            | Becky Hope                        |
| Traditional Worship Committee Chair..... |                                   |
| Missions.....                            | Pat Vaughn & Laura Jones          |
| Witness.....                             | Gaylord Hoyt                      |
| Nurture.....                             | Nancy Nesbitt                     |
| Shepherding Ministries.....              | Elvia Vidaurri                    |
| Membership Committee Chair.....          | Virginia Hopkins                  |
| Stewardship Committee Chair.....         | Becky Hope                        |
| Memorials Chairperson.....               | Patty Engleking                   |
| Special Events Coordinator.....          | Amber McMahon-Baxter              |
| Church Photographer.....                 | Zenda Boudreau & Virginia Hopkins |

### Health Committee

|                                 |                                            |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Wesley Nurse.....               | Ashley Rodriguez                           |
| Chair.....                      |                                            |
| Members at Large.....           | Elvia Vidaurri, Laura Jones, Gail Kinnamon |
| Staff Liasion (Ex-Officio)..... | Rev. Dr. Brad DeHaven, Pastor              |

### Scholarship Committee (Dobson, Wheless, & Golf Scholarship Funds)

|                       |                                                          |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Chair.....            | Hugh Dobson                                              |
| Senior Pastor.....    | Rev. Dr. Brad DeHaven                                    |
| Members at Large..... | Carol Hill, Hugh Dobson, Virginia Hopkins, John Boudreau |

# HAPPY

# BIRTHDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Desirae Schlapia  
4<sup>th</sup> Luke Walker  
5<sup>th</sup> Sonia Garcia  
6<sup>th</sup> Laura Jones  
9<sup>th</sup> Gia Walker  
10<sup>th</sup> Catherin Kay  
12<sup>th</sup> Bryson Bresler  
14<sup>th</sup> Gerry Carter  
16<sup>th</sup> John Cross  
17<sup>th</sup> Nia Ratcliffe  
18<sup>th</sup> Sydna Arnorld  
18<sup>th</sup> Coy Dobson  
18<sup>th</sup> Martha Moretich  
19<sup>th</sup> Virginia Hopkins  
21<sup>st</sup> Kimberly Botary  
22<sup>nd</sup> Susan Strong  
24<sup>th</sup> Amber McMahon-Baxter  
28<sup>th</sup> Janice Bailey  
28<sup>th</sup> Aaron Hubbard  
28<sup>th</sup> Brenda Liska  
30<sup>th</sup> Krissy Dubisky  
31<sup>st</sup> Genevieve Cass

NOTE: If an error appears in the Birthday or Anniversary List,  
or if a name is missing, call the church office  
361-854-5374 or send an email to [stlukescc@gmail.com](mailto:stlukescc@gmail.com).



Ashley Rodriguez  
Wesley Nurse



Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating access to health care for the uninsured through direct services, community partnerships and strategic grant-making in 74 counties across South Texas. Learn more at [www.mhm.org](http://www.mhm.org).

## Faith & Health Tip of the Month – Stewardship of the Body

Our bodies are a gift from God, and caring for them is an act of stewardship. Small daily habits such as staying well-hydrated, taking medications as prescribed, nourishing your body with balanced meals, daily physical activity and getting adequate rest can greatly support overall health and prevent complications over time. Regular movement, even gentle activity like walking or stretching, helps strengthen the heart, improve balance, and support mental clarity. Preventive care, including routine checkups and screenings, allows concerns to be identified early and treated more effectively. Remember, caring for your body not only honors God but also equips you to better serve others with strength, clarity, and compassion.

Visit your Wesley Nurse today for a free Health screening. Call 3610994-5054 to schedule.

*“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?” -1 Corinthians 6:19*



# january

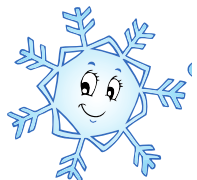
Please note that changes could be made to this calendar.  
Check your Weekly Worship, Sunday bulletin, or Hallway Calendar for any changes or updates.

Calendar Color Key  
Church Services/Sunday School/ Prayer  
Special Events at Church  
Special Events not at Church  
Groups, Classes, Meetings, Etc  
Committee Meetings  
Holidays  
Office Notifications

| Sun                                                                                                                                  | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Tue                                                                                                                                               | Wed                                                                                                      | Thu                                                     | Fri                    | Sat                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                          | 1<br>New Years Day<br>Office is Closed                  | 2                      | 3                                         |
| 4<br>9a Infuse Worship<br>10a Sunday School<br>11a Traditional Worship<br>12:15p Privacy of Prayer<br>3p Emmaus Reunion Group        | 5<br>7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's<br>10a Exercise Class<br>6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong                                                                                 | 6<br>10a Exercise Class<br>12p Class Meeting - room 109<br>2p Wall Shakers (Prayer Group)<br>5:30p Men's Group<br>5:30p Finance Committee Meeting | 7<br>10a Pantry Reset Meeting<br>4:30p Youth Group<br>7p Wednesday Night Worship<br>7:30p Choir Practice | 8<br>10a Exercise Class<br>5:30p Church Council Meeting | 9                      | 10                                        |
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| 18<br>9a Infuse Worship<br>10a Sunday School<br>11a Traditional Worship<br>12:15p Privacy of Prayer<br>12p Worship Committee Meeting | 19<br>Martin Luther King Jr Day<br>Office is Closed<br>7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's<br>10a Exercise Class<br>6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong<br>5:30p Girlfriends in Grace | 20<br>10a Financial Assistance<br>10a Exercise Class<br>12p Class Meeting - room 109<br>5:30p Men's Group                                         | 21<br>4:30p Youth Group<br>7p Wednesday Night Worship<br>7:30p Choir Practice                            | 22<br>10a Exercise Class                                | 23<br>7p 42 Fellowship | 24                                        |
| 25<br>9a Infuse Worship<br>10a Sunday School<br>11a Traditional Worship<br>12:15p Privacy of Prayer<br>3p Emmaus Reunion Group       | 26<br>7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's<br>10a Exercise Class<br>6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong                                                                                | 27<br>10a Exercise Class<br>12p Class Meeting - room 109<br>5:30p Men's Group                                                                     | 28<br>4:30p Youth Group<br>7p Wednesday Night Worship<br>7:30p Choir Practice                            | 29<br>10a Exercise Class                                | 30                     | 31<br>4:30p Chili Cook-off and Game Night |



# LITTLE SAINTS



## Sunday Schedule

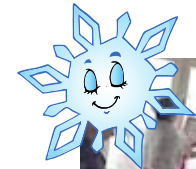


**10 am Sunday School:**  
**\*1st-5th grade with**  
**Debbie Lancaster & Amy Gideon**  
**upstairs room 203**

**\*preschool-Kinder with**  
**Lynn Martinez upstairs room 205**

**\*Every 3rd Sunday all children meet**  
**in the Little Saints area, room 103, for Music Time**

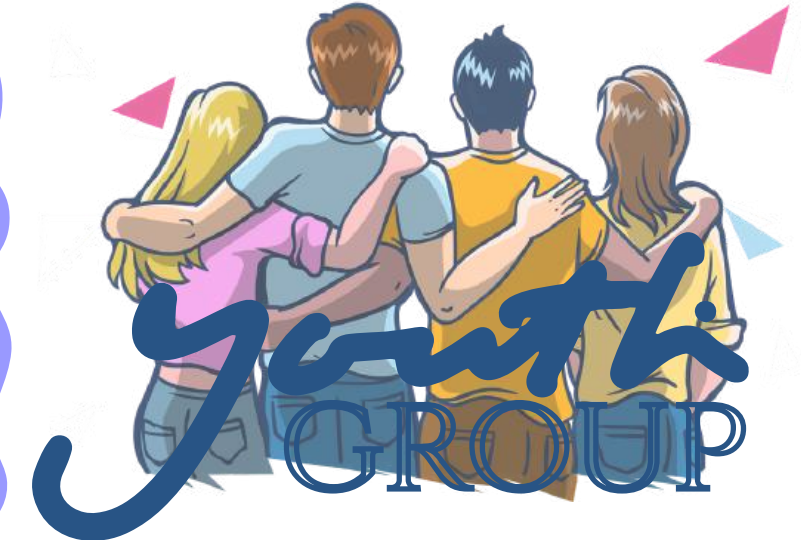
**\*Every 5th Sunday is designated as 5th Sunday Sing where the**  
**children sing during worship service. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is**  
**November 30th.**



Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Barnette for the funtastic time at the Children and Youth Christmas Party! The kids heard stories like Charlie Brown's Christmas, learned to play Cornhole, and put together a Nativity puzzle!

**Have you heard about that youth group at St. Luke's?**

Middle and Highschoolers,  
 We invite you to come check out the youth group!  
 We have fun learning through studies, games, art, mission projects, and so much more!  
 But mostly we are a group of kids who just love to hang out together and grow in Christ!



**Join Us for an Exciting Evening of Fun and Fellowship!**

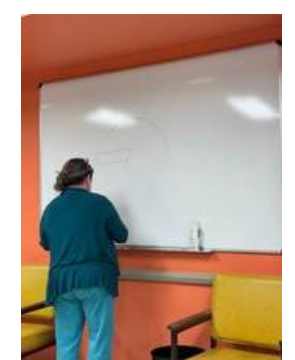
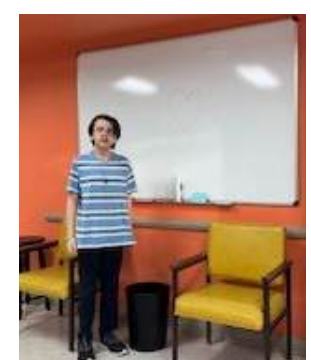
Are you searching for a relaxed place to unwind, share some laughs, and explore the teachings of Jesus?

**Join us every Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the Youth Room upstairs.**

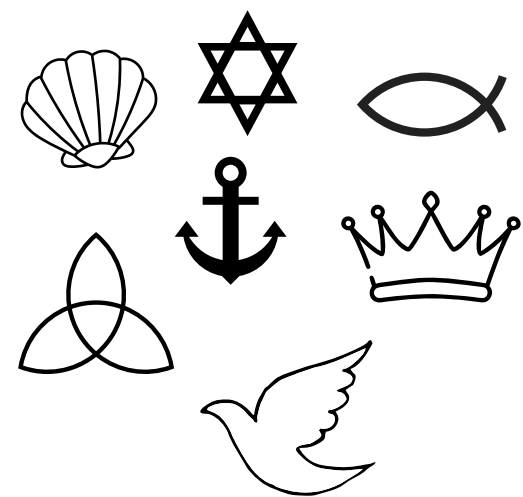
We have an exhilarating lineup of games, delicious food, engaging studies, devotionals, and heartfelt discussions about life, faith, and what it truly means to follow Jesus in today's unpredictable world. Come as you are—invite your friends and bring your curiosity!

After all, Jesus is the reason we gather!

You are the movement. Let's grow together and create ripples of change.



The youth having fun playing Bible Pictionary. It was an exciting time drawing and guessing biblical words and Chrismons, learning the meaning behind them such as baptism, Ichthus, anchor, Trinity, wheat, Apha and Omega, dove, star, etc.





## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Calling all men!

Join us for Breakfast every Monday morning!

- Location: Santa Rosa Restaurant
- Address: 2722 S. Staples
- Time: 7:30 AM

Come together for prayer, devotion, and fellowship. For more information, please text Jimmy Ross at 361.548.2161.



## MEN'S GROUP

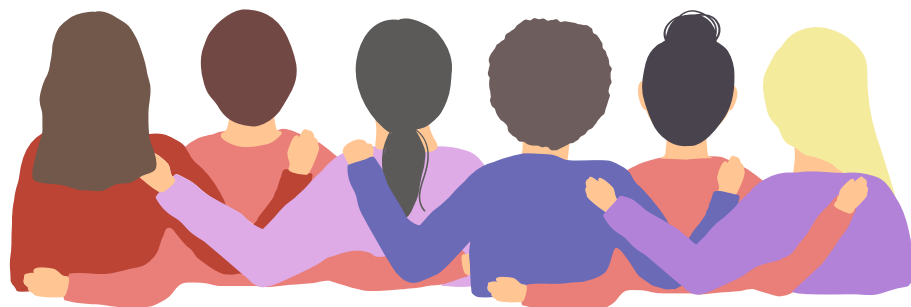


Every Tuesday at 5:30 PM, a jolly crew assembles at the church, equipped with tools and ready to fix anything that needs a bit of love. Swing by any Tuesday, and you'll be greeted with open arms—and perhaps a stray wrench or two!

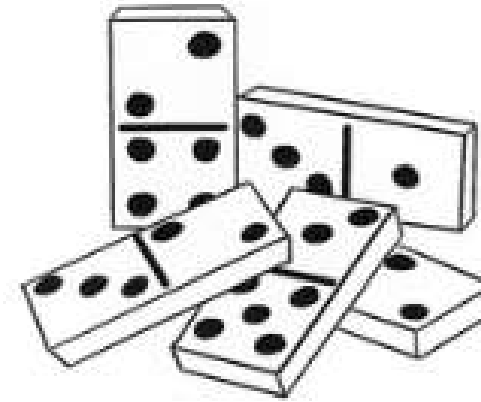
## GIRLFRIENDS IN GRACE

Calling all fabulous ladies!

Get ready for Girlfriends in Grace (GIG)—the ultimate girls' night happening every third Monday at **\*\*5:30 PM\*\*** in the parlor! Prepare yourself for a night packed with giggles, lively chatter, positive vibes, and a soul-soothing devotional. All women are invited, so grab your bestie and join in the merriment!



## **FOURTH FRIDAY FORTY-TWO FELLOWSHIP**



**HEAD OVER TO MOORE  
HALL AND JOIN US IN A  
THRILLING GAME OF  
FORTY-TWO EVERY  
FOURTH FRIDAY AT 7 PM!  
DON'T FORGET TO BRING  
YOUR SNACKS!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BILL HOPE  
☎ (361) 813-4660**

## Free Senior Exercise Class



Join Us for Chair Exercise Classes!

Come and join us at Moore Hall every **\*\*Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday\*\*** from **\*\*10 a.m. to 11 a.m.\*\*** for an energetic workout led by our wonderful Wesley Nurse, Ashley. Get ready to move your body and uplift your spirits!

This enjoyable class is designed to enhance your **\*\*strength\*\***, **\*\*flexibility\*\***, and **\*\*balance\*\***. Whether you're new to fitness or a seasoned expert, everyone is welcome—just bring your fabulous self!



# Wall Shakers



Prayer isn't just whispering into the void; it's a powerhouse that sends shockwaves through the universe, setting hearts ablaze and rolling out the red carpet for the Holy Spirit. It's like turning the mundane into magic, creating ripples that echo through time. Just like the apostles who got a divine jolt of courage, our prayers can pump us full of strength and bravery!

Join the Wall Shakers crew as we rally together, sending up prayers for our church, our community, the world, and the Church! Mark your calendar for our next epic gathering on January 6th at 2 PM.

"When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness."

-Acts 4:31



## Telephone Prayer Chain

We have a team of compassionate individuals, both men and women, who support those in need through prayer, and we would be thrilled to have you join us! If you can spare a few minutes to pray and share requests via phone, please reach out to Becky H. or Elvia V.



# Emmaus Walks

Walk to Emmaus is founded on the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35. It is a time set to help you develop a deeper and closer walk with Christ. This spiritual journey offers participants a profound opportunity to strengthen their faith and experience God's grace through passionate worship, activities, and reflection. Each walk is designed to rejuvenate the spirit, renew commitment, and inspire participants to become more active in their faith.

If you are interested in Emmaus please visit the website [coastalbendemmaus.org](http://coastalbendemmaus.org).

Have you attended an Emmaus Walk? Did you know there is a 4<sup>th</sup> day group at St. Luke's. They meet every Sunday at 3 pm in the Parlor. Come on by and fellowship together. How is it with your soul?



# ~December's Recap~

## Staff Christmas Party



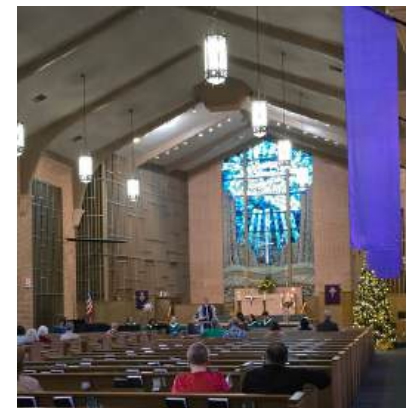
Thank you to our wonderful staff at St. Luke's. Your dedication and hard work make our church a warm and welcoming place for everyone. We are grateful for your commitment and the joy you bring to our church family. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are blessed to have such a devoted team.



## Choir Cantata



The Choir did a fabulous job on their Cantata on Sunday, December 14th. Their harmonious voices filled the sanctuary with a sense of peace and joy, captivating the congregation. We look forward to many more such moving performances in the future, as the choir continues to inspire and uplift us all.



## Angel Tree's Blessings

A big thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all who participated in the Angel Tree Program. This program blessed 41 children from the Hope House and St. Luke's. Each child received a gift specially chosen for them, ensuring that their holiday season was filled with joy and love. Your generosity and kindness have not only provided these children with presents but also with the warmth of knowing they are cherished by their community. We are incredibly grateful for your support and look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition of giving in the years to come.





# Candlelight, Carols, Communion

Oh, Holy Night! What a joy it was to come together in celebration of the birth of Christ Jesus. During our 5 PM service, the Little Saints presented a delightful Christmas Pageant filled with charming songs and adorable nativity costumes. The services were enriched by beautiful carol, lessons from Scripture, Communion, and a warm glow of candlelight. At St. Luke's Methodist Church, we treasure these moments of reflection and unity as we gathered to honor the birth of our Savior. The glow of candlelight warms our hearts, the carols elevate our spirits, and the act of communion reinforces our shared faith and sense of community.



## Upcoming Events

# Chili Cook Off and game night



**Saturday, January 31st  
@ 4:30 pm**

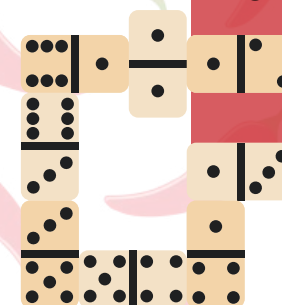


Gather your friends, family, and fellow chili enthusiasts for an afternoon filled with flavor, fun, and friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned chef or a home cook with a secret family recipe, this is your chance to showcase your culinary skills and win the coveted title of Chili Champion.

Everyone will have the opportunity to taste a variety of unique and delicious chili creations and enjoy a time of community spirit and play various games like Bible Trivia, Dominoes, Farkle, Phase 10, etc.

Don't miss out on the excitement—mark your calendars and bring your game face and appetite!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Chili Winners and Door Prizes!



**Do you have the best Chili recipe?**

**Scan this QR Code to use SignUp Genius  
to enter as a contestant in the Chili Cook Off**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA5AE28ABFBC43-53914873-chili>

