



GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

# THE MESSENGER

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



**“Be alert,  
stand firm in your  
faith; be courageous,  
be strong.”**

-1 Corinthians 16:13

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## **February's devotional:**

Judy- [deliverabledevotionals.com](http://deliverabledevotionals.com)

### *Faith Is*

Faith, what is it? Do you have enough of it? Do you ever fear you might lose it? There are many books dedicated to teaching solely on faith. We can find what God's Word says about it, what men think of it, and how we can acquire it. One faith quote says, "I have found there are three stages to faith-building: believing something is totally impossible, believing something is going to be very difficult, and finally seeing something actually come to pass." The Bible says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." We hope for many things. So we must find our faith and use it well in many different situations in life. It is easy to say we have great faith in God on sunny days, but is a great faith still within us when the storms come our way? Faith is the ability to stand even as we face adversity such as death and disease, insurmountable odds such as divorce and devastation, trials such as degradation and depression, heart issues such as desperation and devaluation. Faith is believing that totally evil impossible situations will be turned around for the good in an instant. Faith is not simply believing God can, but knowing God will. Faith is thanking God in the midst of chaos for peace. Faith is thanking Him in the middle of disease for healing. Faith is thanking Him in the middle of death for life. Faith is knowing for sure you have enough of it and you will never lose it.

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# A Note from Pastor Brad

Senior Pastor of St. Luke's



## The Best Valentine Ever...

“Peanuts” was always the first comic strip I would turn to in the Sunday Morning paper when I was a child. The childhood ups and downs of this hapless character always seemed somehow relatable. Charlie Brown has a crush on the “Little Red- Haired Girl” but has never mustered the nerve to talk with her. He pines for her in his mind, secretly hoping that she would have noticed him, but alas, it never seems to materialize.

One day in particular, as I recall, Charlie Brown puts on his coat to go outside, and notices a slip of paper has mysteriously appeared in his coat pocket. He wonders, “could this be a note from the Little Red-Haired Girl? Could she have slipped it into my coat pocket when I wasn’t looking?” As his anticipation builds, he is left wondering what it might say. His desire to finally get a Valentine’s Day Card from her would be the answer to his dreams...if only... Ultimately, he garners enough nerve to pull it out and read it: “Inspected by 14.”

I identified with Charlie Brown in more ways than one growing up. From his hopes of successfully kicking that football out of Lucy’s grasp, to pitching a no-hitter, to finally flying his kite above the kite-eating tree. His yearning for a note from the “Little Red- Haired Girl” doesn’t seem to far out of place for a young boy just trying to figure out life as a child. Having someone actually take an interest in us can bolster our spirits in ways that can defy description.

Valentine’s Day always seemed a strange holiday. Commemorating the martyrdom of a priest named Valentine by Emperor Claudius II in the 3rd Century AD because of Valentine’s unlawful habit of marrying soldiers in Claudius’ army against the Emperor’s wishes, Valentine’s Day has become synonymous with celebrating Love. Pope Gelasius I would later establish February 14th as St. Valentine’s Day in the 5th Century to counter the pagan festival of Lupercalia. (You can look that up – it’s pretty weird!)

Honoring love as a holy act seems to be something that we ought to be doing more these days. Experiencing the power of love in the midst of all the hatred, violence, divisiveness, and disorder, might just be something we can all work a little harder at.

I John 4:19 says, “We love because he first loved us.” Jesus said in the Gospel of John 13:34: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” Finally, in John 3:16 we read: “For God so loved thee world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Truth be told, there is no greater love than this. It’s God’s Valentine to you. We don’t need to wait around for someone to show it to us. And that is better than a note in a pocket every time.

See you in Church!



Grace and Peace,

Brad

Rev. Dr. Bradley L. DeHaven, Presiding Elder

Mid Texas Conference, Covenant Area 17

# Connect



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 to 81010 and following the prompts. (Please be aware this texting service is not working, we are diligently working on finding another texting solution.)

## 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 @ 5:30 pm - Youth Group
- Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month @ 7pm - Fourth Friday Forty-Two Fellowship



# Our Presence & Gifts

"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

## January's Worship Attendance

### Sunday's Worship Services

Date	Service 9   11		Attended Online	Visitors	Online (Views)	Weekly Giving
1/4	39	52	4	27	192	
1/11	38	29	7	10	211	
1/18	44	42	5	18	322	
1/25	29	35	9	18	145	

### Wednesday Worship Service

Date	Attended In Person	Attended Online	Visitors	Online (Views)
1/7	9	3	2	122
1/14	7	5	2	103
1/21	5	4	0	106
1/28	10	4	1	274

## January's Communion Rail Offering



We would like to express our gratitude to those who contributed to last month's communion rail offering for the New Life Refuge which provides a refuge of hope and healing for child sex survivors of sex trafficking, provides education to the community on the issue, and establishes partnerships with other organizations in the fight against modern day slavery.

### Ways to give....



### Gifts and Tithes



We offer multiple payment options for your convenience, including checks, cash, debit card, credit card, and ACH. You can scan this QR and donate directly through Pay Pal. Please be sure to add to the memo line whether your offering is for your Tithe or above and beyond to a specific ministry.

If you require any assistance with your donation, please contact our church office on Tuesdays.

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.

## 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.

## MEETING Announcement

There will be a Pantry Reset Meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11 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 Distribution	
Households Served	57
Individuals Served	92
New to Pantry	6



## Financial Assistance Program

St. Luke's Financial Assistance Program was held on January 20th 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 February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.



Individuals Served	1
Year to Date	1

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



# February's Communion Rail Offering



## Bulgaria Ministry Partnership



We give thanks to God that we are now three years into a faithful and fruitful partnership between the Mid-Texas Conference and the Bulgarian Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. What began as an act of covenantal commitment in a moment of great need has grown into a mutually strengthening relationship that embodies our shared mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the land—and around the world.

One of the distinctive characteristics of the Global Methodist Church is our deep commitment to be truly global. As John Wesley reminded us, "The world is my parish." We recognize that we are better disciples of Christ, our faith is deepened, and our accountability strengthened when we are in meaningful relationship with our global brothers and sisters.

Our partnership is funded by district fundraising. This year we have asked districts to raise \$3600. Districts, Churches and individuals can donate by using the QR code below or <https://onrealm.org/MidTexGMC/-/go?page=donor-form>.

To learn more about our partnership, visit [midtexasgmc.org/bulgaria-partnership](http://midtexasgmc.org/bulgaria-partnership). Please prayerfully consider your offering as you come to the altar during communion on February 1st and label offering as "Bulgaria Partnership".



# A Challenge for February

When one of the scribes came to Jesus to test him, he asked what were the "greatest commandments". Jesus replied to him to love the Lord our God. But then He continued to say, "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Mark 12:31) Sometimes we fall short on this don't we? We do a great job loving ourselves.

However, extending that love to others can be challenging. In our fast-paced lives, it's easy to become absorbed in our own needs and desires, overlooking the simple yet profound act of loving those around us. Loving our neighbors means showing kindness, compassion, and understanding, even when it's inconvenient or difficult.

This commandment invites us to step outside of our comfort zones and to actively seek ways to serve and uplift others. It encourages us to listen more intently, to offer a helping hand, and to cultivate a spirit of empathy and generosity. Whether it's lending an ear to a friend in need, volunteering at a local shelter, or simply offering a smile to a stranger, each act of love has the power to transform lives, including our own.

As we strive to live out these commandments, let us remember that each interaction is an opportunity to reflect the love that we have been so generously given. By doing so, we not only fulfill the greatest commandments but also create a more compassionate and connected community.

What better way to show love to our neighbors than to invite them to church! So this is your challenge for the month of February. Invite a friend to worship with you. Share the love of Christ with them.



## An Inside Look



If you have been in the Sanctuary you have for sure noticed the beautiful Chancel Window, affectionately referred to as "the Great Window," was a generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Don Bonham in honor of Otha Clyde Bonham. Otha Bonham was the founder of Bonham's Foods, Inc which started in Corpus Christi with a store located on S. Staples and Buford. Later on they added several more stores and even branched out to surrounding areas.

This exquisite window above the Altar showcases the words of Psalm 19:1 in vibrant stained and mosaic glass: "The Heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork." Its design beautifully declares the glory of God, reflecting the boundless wonder and beauty of the universe, the serene stillness of a night sky, and the power and majesty of the eternal. The mosaic glass component highlights the intricate handiwork of God, with formations displayed on either side of the Altar.

Members and visitors alike, are often enchanted by the blend of colors and the spiritual symbolism woven into each pane of glass. As sunlight filters through the window, it dances with light and color, breathing life into the sanctuary and transforming it into a vibrant testament to faith and inspiration.

Beyond its aesthetic appeal, the sanctuary serves as a refuge for contemplation and solace, allowing individuals to connect more deeply with the divine. Many congregants and visitors have shared how the Great Window has touched their hearts, offering comfort and strength during difficult times.

Whether attending a service, engaging in a mission opportunity, or simply seeking a moment of peace, the Sanctuary at St. Luke's stands as a beloved space for all who wish to experience the beauty and wonder of God's creation through art and worship.



# Nominations and Lay Leadership Church Officers 2026

## Church Council Officers

Board Chair.....	Bill Hope
Lay Leader.....	
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	<b>Becky Hope</b>
Youth/Young Adult Rep.....	<b>Xenia Garcia</b>
Finance.....	Rudy Martinez, Chair
Trustees.....	Bobby Hill (2026)
.....	Bill Hope (2026)
.....	Bruce Harbaugh (2027)
Staff-Parish Relations.....	
.....	Jose Parra (2027)
.....	<b>Stacy Taylor (2028)</b>
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

## Church Committees and Ministry Work Areas (Not part of the Church Council)

<u>Committee on Finance</u> .....	Rudy Martinez, Chair
	Melida Davis (Member at Large)
	Bill Hope (Council Chair)
	Bobby Hill (Trustees)
	Jose Parra (SPRC)
	(Lay Leader)
	Annette Chapman (Financial Secretary- Ex Officio)
	Becky Hope (Stewardship Chair- Ex-Officio)
<u>Board of Trustees</u> .....	Bobby Hill (2026)
	<b>Bill Hope (2026)</b>
	Bruce Harbaugh (2027)
	Frank Lowry (2028)
	Linda Atwell (2028)

## Committee On Nominations and Lay Leadership

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
John Boudreau	Virginia Hopkins	Nancy Nesbitt
Bradley DeHaven, Chair		

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

Food & Fellowship Team Coordinators.....	Rada Radebaugh & Nancy Nesbitt
Discipleship Coordinator.....	Becky Hope
Traditional Worship Committee Chair.....	Gerry Carter
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
Church Security Team Chair.....	<b>Harry Carter</b>

## Health Committee

Wesley Nurse.....	Ashley Rodriguez
Chair.....	Mary Hill
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



5<sup>th</sup> Nancy Nesbitt  
8<sup>th</sup> Rayven Taylor  
9<sup>th</sup> Sue Fordtran  
9<sup>th</sup> Glenda Harbaugh  
11<sup>th</sup> Harry Carter  
11<sup>th</sup> Amanda Hope  
15<sup>th</sup> Teresa Allee  
15<sup>th</sup> Claudia Messer  
17<sup>th</sup> Benton Bresler  
20<sup>th</sup> Rene Castillo  
21<sup>st</sup> Heather Blunt  
23<sup>rd</sup> Shannon Rios  
27<sup>th</sup> Brian Bresler  
27<sup>th</sup> Joyce Burke  
28<sup>th</sup> Leelu Vega



NOTE: If an error appears in the Birthday or Anniversary List,  
or if a name is missing, call the church office



# Wesley Nurse's Corner



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 for the New Year

As we begin a new year, it's a great time to reflect on how we can care for our bodies and serve others as an act of faith. Scripture reminds us that our bodies are a gift from God and that caring for them is part of our stewardship.

Simple, meaningful goals such as staying active, nourishing our bodies, getting adequate rest, and tending to our mental and spiritual health help us remain strong so we can continue to love and serve well.

One of my personal goals in the coming months is to open our donation closet to the community, extending care beyond our church walls and meeting both physical and spiritual needs.

May this year be one of faith-filled growth, compassion, and healthy stewardship.

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*

# February

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
<b>1</b> 9a Infuse Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 12-15p Privilege of Prayer 3p Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>2</b> 7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's 10a Exercise Class 6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong	<b>3</b> 10a Exercise Class 11a Stewardship Committee Meeting 12p Class Meeting - room 109 5:30p Men's Group	<b>4</b> 5:30p Youth Group 7p Wednesday Night Worship 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 10a Exercise Class 11a Pantry Reset Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10a Charge Conference in Rockport, Tx
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-----Annual Awakening Conference in Frisco, Tx-----						
<b>15</b> 9a Infuse Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 12-15p Privilege of Prayer	<b>16</b> 7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's 10a Exercise Class 6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong 5:30p Girlfriends in Grace	<b>17</b> 10a Financial Assistance 10a Exercise Class 12p Class Meeting - room 109 2p Wall Shakers (Prayer Group) 5:30p Pancake Dinner	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday 12p Ash Wednesday Service 5:30p Youth Group 6p Simple Supper 7p Ash Wednesday Service 7:30p Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 10a Exercise Class	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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# Little Saints



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### 10 am Sunday School:

**1st-5th Grade** with Debbie Lancaster & Amy Gideon upstairs in **Room 203**

**Preschool-Kinder** with Lynn Martinez upstairs in **Room 205**

Every **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**, all children meet in the little saints area, **Room 103**, for music time

Every **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** is designated as **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing**, where the children sing during the worship service. The Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is **March 29, 2026** (Palm Sunday).



Sunday School with Lynn Martinez



**“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”  
JOHN 13:34**



**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.

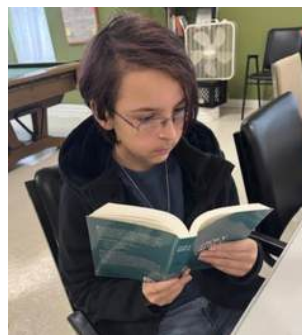


While shopping for grocery items for their entry into the chili cook off, the youth, led by the Holy Spirit, asked fellow shoppers if they could pray for them. The experience was not only uplifting for those they prayed for but also deepened the youths' own faith and understanding of community. It was a reminder that acts of love and compassion can happen anywhere, and that even in the most ordinary places, extraordinary moments of grace can unfold.

**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! --Romans 10:15**



The youth group learned how to chop onions, garlic, and bell peppers for their chili entry to the Chili-Cook off.



Rayven reading Scripture during a Bible study during Youth.

# Adult Groups

## Men's Breakfast

Join us for a Men's Breakfast every Monday morning! Whether you're a regular attendee or it's your first time, our Men's Breakfast is the perfect opportunity to start your week with camaraderie and spiritual nourishment. Enjoy a hearty meal, share stories, and connect with fellow members as we strengthen our community and our faith. Spread the word, bring a friend, and don't miss out on this uplifting gathering. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 cheerful group of men gathers at the church, armed with tools and eager to mend anything that requires a little care. Feel free to drop by any Tuesday, and you'll be welcomed with warmth—and maybe even a stray wrench or two! Whether you're a seasoned handyman or just curious to learn, everyone's talents are appreciated. So, bring your enthusiasm and a willing spirit—we'd love to have you join us!

## Girlfriends in Grace

Get ready for Girlfriends in Grace (GIG)—the ultimate girls' night that happens every third Monday at 5:30 pm in the Parlor! Prepare yourself for a night packed with giggles, lively chatter, and a soul-soothing devotional. GIG is a safe space for women to support and uplift each other, explore faith, and build lasting connections. Whether you're seeking inspiration, friendship, or just a fun evening out, you'll find it here. Don't miss the chance to unwind and recharge with a fantastic group of women. We're excited to welcome you into our circle of grace and joy! All women are invited, so grab your bestie and join in the merriment! Let's grow and walk in God's grace together.

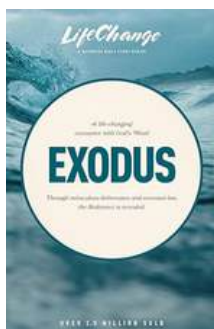


## Christians Under Construction



All are welcome in the Christians Under Construction Sunday School Class on Sundays at 10 am upstairs in room 211. We are excited to be nearing the end of our Genesis study and will soon begin exploring Exodus. Our class offers a supportive environment for everyone, whether you are new to faith or an experienced Bible scholars. We encourage questions and shared insights as we are all under construction. Bring your curiosity and open heart—we look forward to seeing you!

Our next study book... (start date to be announced soon)



### **The Story of Humanity's Redemption Continues**

The book of Exodus recounts how God brought Israel out of slavery and allowed them to become His treasured possession. Through miraculous deliverance and covenant law, the Redeemer is revealed. Exodus contains one of the earliest sets of laws ever recorded, beginning to shape a more just society for everyone. The book points us to God's purpose for which all laws and people are made—pure and wholehearted worship of a just and loving God.

Scan this QR Code to be directed to Amazon to purchase



Do not let the cost of a book hinder your journey, please talk to Amber about available scholarships.

# Fourth Friday Forty-Two Fellowship



Head over to Moore Hall and join us in a devotional and 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

**“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.” - Hebrews 10: 24-25**

## 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!



## Emmaus

Walk to Emmaus, based on Luke 24:13-35, helps participants deepen their relationship with Christ through worship, activities, and reflection. It aims to rejuvenate spirits and inspire active faith.

Next Men's Walk will be Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pilgrims are needed. Interested individuals can visit [coastalbendemmaus.org](http://coastalbendemmaus.org).

The next Emmaus Community Gathering is scheduled 2/14 @ 6pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church.

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. We meet at different locations, so please contact Becky or Amber in the church office for more information. How is it with your soul?



Changing Hearts

Transforming Lives

Impacting the World

“...I was in prison and you came to visit me.” --Matthew 25:36

Kairos is a ministry whose mission is to develop a Christian community inside prisons. The program brings inmates together for a 3 ½ day weekend led by Kairos volunteers. The weekend is based on: a series of talks, discussions, Chapel meditations, and creating a Christian community.

A team is being formed for the Woman's unit in Lockhart, Tx. If you a woman who is called to serve on this team please contact Amber in the Church office.

Other ways to participate in this ministry is through sponsoring a woman in white (inmates) to attend (\$150), sponsoring a meal (\$5), or through prayer (free).

A prayer chain sign up will be available soon.



The Power  
of Prayer

# Prayer Groups and Opportunities

## Wall Shakers

Next Meeting: February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm

The Wall Shakers invite you to join them in prayer for our church, the community, and our world. This group meets once a month and discusses ways we can lift up our voices in unity and faith, seeking guidance and strength from the Lord. Through heartfelt prayer and shared devotion, we aim to make a positive impact on the lives of those around us. Whether you are a seasoned prayer warrior or new to the discipline, all are welcome to join us as we strive to create a ripple of hope and love throughout our congregation and beyond. Together, let us shake the walls with our prayers and witness the transformative power of God's grace in action.

“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



Did you know we have a Telephone Prayer Chain? This is a wonderful group of men and women who are ready to share your prayer request via the telephone. If you have an emergency prayer request that requires immediate attention please contact Becky H. or Elvia V.

## Prayer Line Email

Ministry Opportunity! We are looking for someone who is powered by prayer to take over our prayerline email. This person would ideally have access to a computer and be able to respond to prayer requests that come into this email and be able to forward the request to our Prayer Warriors. Please talk to Amber in the church office if you feel moved by the Spirit to participate in this volunteer position.





# Mission Opportunities



Mission work is like being on God's dream team! We're here to be the ultimate sidekicks of Christ!

## **IMMEDIATE NEED:**

### Youth Sunday School Teacher on Sunday's at 10 am

- Become an Office Angel and sprinkle some heavenly joy in the church office
- Flash those pearly whites as a Greeter for 9am or 11am services
- Dive into the Food Pantry and dish out some love
- Join a Church Committee and bring your pizzazz to the table
- Kick off a Class Meeting/Band Meeting and rock some fellowship
- Team up with Texans On Mission and be a part of the amazing adventure!

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!

# Announcements

## Phone Lines are up and Running!



Great news! We can now communicate via phone once again! Please note that the only phone number for the church is \*\*361-854-5374\*\*. All previous numbers will no longer connect you to the church.

When you call, you may notice a different setup than before. You will be presented with several options:

- \*\*Press 1\*\* for worship times, office hours, and location
- \*\*Press 2\*\* for food pantry and financial assistance ministries
- \*\*Press 3\*\* for the church office
- \*\*Press 4\*\* to speak with the pastor
- \*\*Press 5\*\* to connect with the Director of Discipleship
- \*\*Press 6\*\* for the Wesley Nurse
- \*\*Press 7\*\* to search for extensions by name
- \*\*Press 9\*\* to repeat these options

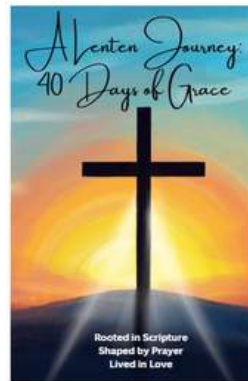
At any point during this recording, you may dial directly to our extensions:



- 403- Office** (Amber McMahon-Baxter)
- 404- Pastor** (Pastor Brad DeHaven)
- 405- Director of Discipleship** (Becky Hope)
- 406- Wesley Nurse** (Ashley Rodriguez)

Thank you for your patience while we worked to get the phone system up and running.  
We look forward to hearing from you!

## A Lenten Journey 40 Days of Grace



Be sure to pick up your FREE copy of A Lenten Journey: 40 Days of Grace. This inspiring devotional guide is designed to accompany you through the Lenten season, offering daily reflections, prayers, and activities to deepen your spiritual journey. Whether you are seeking to strengthen your faith or explore your relationship with God, this resource will provide you with the encouragement and insight needed to embrace the transformative power of grace.

Copies will be available at the information tables or the church office beginning Sunday, February 8th, and we encourage everyone to share this journey with friends and family as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

# January's Recap

## New Member

# WELCOME

to the St. Luke's Family  
**Omar Hernandez**

Transfer of Membership  
January 11, 2026



We are absolutely delighted to welcome Omar as our newest member! We encourage everyone to extend a warm greeting to him and share in this joyous occasion.

## Little Saints Staff Meeting



The Little Saints Staff met on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at Bella Roma's and enjoyed a meal together as they prayed and prepared for the wonderful plans God has with the Little Saints this year.



## Chili Cook Off and Game Night



What a wonderful time rejoicing in fellowship together at the Chili Cook off. There were so many delicious chili's it was hard to vote for a winner! Thank you to everyone who came out and joined in the fun. Congratulations to our chili champions, whose recipes tantalized our taste buds and set the bar high for future cook-offs!



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Pastor Brad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bill Hope, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Little Saints and Youth group tied!

# Upcoming Events

**Fat Tuesday**  
Sponsored by St. Luke's Men's Group

~All You Can Eat~  
**Pancake Dinner**  
February 17th  
5:30pm  
Moore Hall



**Ash Wednesday Services**



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

18 FEBRUARY 2026  
12 PM AND 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL  
SIMPLE SUPPER @ 6 PM IN MOORE HALL

*reflect & renew*  
LET'S PREPARE  
TOGETHER FOR THE  
CELEBRATION OF  
JESUS' RESURRECTION




**1000 GENERATIONS**  
EXODUS 20:6

**2026 ANNUAL AWAKENING**  
February 11-14, 2026  
First Frisco Global Methodist Church  
Teaching by Dr. Sandra Richter

To register, scan the QR code or visit [midtexasgmc.org/events](http://midtexasgmc.org/events)



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