



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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



“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.”

-1 John 3: 1

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March's devotional:

Amber McMahan-Baxter

Rooted in God's Love

March reminds us that life does not stand still. Days move forward, seasons shift, and in the midst of it all, one thing remains constant--the **love of God**. Long before we take our next breath or make our next decision, we are already held in a love that does not waver. God's love is not earned by our success or lost in our failures. It meets us exactly where we are--tired, hopeful, uncertain, faithful, and everything in between. Scripture tells us that God's love is patient and kind, steadfast and enduring, strong enough to carry us through every season of life. When we root ourselves in God's love, it changes how we live. We become more gracious with others because we have received grace ourselves. We are able to forgive because we have been forgiven. We can step forward with courage, trusting that we do not walk alone. As we move through March, let's pause often to remember this truth: **nothing we face today is greater than the love of God that surrounds us**. God's love steadies us, restores us, and calls us to love one another in return. Make time to rest in the assurance that we are known, cherished, and held by God. We are enough. And from that place of love, we are sent into the world--not to earn God's favor, but to live it out. So, **GO** and share the love of God.

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A Note from Pastor Brad

Senior Pastor of St. Luke's



March Madness!

No, I'm not referring to College Basketball playoffs (although that has crossed my mind!) It has occurred to me that we are already two months into this new year – and March will be here before we know it. With March comes the spring seasonal events like St. Patrick's Day (don't forget to wear your green!), and then before we know it, Lent will be over, and we'll be parading into Jerusalem with the throngs of people shouting "Hosanna!" as Jesus rides into Jerusalem, and experiencing all of Holy Week again. (Didn't we just do this last year?)

The point is this: Lent is already upon us. For those who do not know, **Lent** comes from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning "spring" or "springtime", and comes from a west Germanic term, *langitinaz*, which means "lengthening." It refers to the season of the year when days start growing longer. Lent in the Christian Calendar meaning refers to a 40-day period (not including Sundays) where new converts to the faith would study, pray, and learn about the Christian faith as a season of preparation for their Baptism at Easter.

The traditions of old around the season of Lent are varied, and include fasting, praying, and sacrificial giving. People speak nowadays about "giving things up" for the season of Lent, which usually entails foregoing something other than a necessity – coffee, red meat, chocolate, or others. The origins of Lent speak of a more sacrificial meaning behind Lent. Jesus taught about the cost of discipleship in its extremes:

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." – Matthew 16:24-25

The idea of giving something up for Lent is a noble gesture, signifying one's willingness to avoid an extravagance or a luxury as a symbol of faithfulness. But Jesus' words didn't infer that. His words were quite blunt: "If any want to become my followers, let them **deny themselves**..." Jesus isn't talking about giving up those things that you really could do without, but rather submitting yourself to God's full authority, following the Christ's pathway, which includes the willingness to spend your life in this endeavor. Discipleship is costly. Extremely costly.

W. Somerset Maugham's novel, *The Razor's Edge* quotes the Upanishad verse: "The sharp edge of a razor is difficult to pass over; thus the wise say the path to Salvation is hard."

Lent is a season for the true disciple to reflect on one's life, one's faith, and one's commitment to following Jesus Christ. The stakes are high. You might say it's even **maddening**! But the rewards...

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.

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 4th 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

February's Worship Attendance

Sunday's Worship Services

Date	Service 9 11		Attended Online	Visitors	Online (Views)	Weekly Giving
2/1	38	50	5	30	325	
2/8	29	45	6	24	198	
2/15	39	48	6	18	418	
2/22	47	49	7	24	326	

Wednesday Worship Service

Date	Attended In Person	Attended Online	Visitors	Online (Views)
2/4	7	2	0	102
2/11	8	2	0	270
2/18	21 46	3	4 22	281
2/25				

(Wednesday 2/18 is split by Ash Wednesday Services)

February's Communion Rail Offering



We express our gratitude to those who contributed to last month's communion rail offering for the Bulgaria Mission Partnership. Your generosity supports vital programs in Bulgaria Global Methodist Church and reflects the giving spirit in our community. We invite you to stay involved with St. Luke's as we continue our mission work, spreading love and hope to those in need.



Gifts and Tithes



Ways to give....

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 Tithes 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.

There will be changes coming to our Food Pantry in April. One of these changes will be to the distribution day. Starting in April, we will serve our community of the second Thursday of each month. There will also be opportunities to for our clients to have someone pray with them. Stay tuned for more information on other changes and how you can get involved!

Rebekah's Cupboard Distribution	
Households Served	59
Individuals Served	94
New to Pantry	10



Financial Assistance Program

St. Luke's Financial Assistance Program was held on February 17th 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 March 17th at 10 am.



Individuals Served	1
Year to Date	2

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



March's Communion Rail Offering

St. Luke's Financial Assistance Program

Our March Communion Rail offering has been designated to the financial assistance program at St. Luke's. This ministry aims to support and uplift members of the community who may be facing financial challenges by assisting them once a year with a payment of up to \$50 toward a bill of their choice (such as rent, utilities, electric.) This program takes place on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 am.

There are three categories for our financial assistance program:

- Senior Assistance (ages 60+)
- Communion Rail (ages -59)
- Hand up (church members)

In our community there are very few viable resources available for bill assistance. Many just do not have funding needed to meet the growing demand for assistance. In 2025, we assisted 58 individuals who came to our church seeking help. Several of those were facing disconnection or eviction. The need for help is dire!

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

By contributing to this ministry, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who are in need.

Please prayerfully consider your offering as you come to the altar during communion on Sunday, March 1st.



**“Bear one another’s burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill
the law of Christ.”
-Galatians 6:2**



Worshipping Through Holy Week

Holy Week is the most sacred journey of the Christian year. It invites us to walk step by step with Jesus--from celebration to sacrifice, from the cross to the empty tomb. Each service throughout Holy Week helps us slow down, remember, and fully experience the depth of Christ's love.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, when we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11). The crowds waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!" (which means "save us") as they welcomed Him as King. This service reminds us that Jesus is our Savior but it also prepares us for the reality that cheers can quickly turn to cries of "crucify him."

A Service of Prayer- Monday we will gather for intentional prayer. As Jesus spent His final days teaching and praying, we also pause to seek God's presence. This quiet service centers us for the week ahead, allowing us to lift up our church, our community, and our own spiritual lives. Prayer prepares our hearts for what is to come.

Healing and Anointing- During Holy Week, we remember that Jesus healed the sick and restored the broken. A healing and anointing services offers space for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Anointing with oil is a biblical sign of God's blessing and healing presence. It is a reminder that even in suffering, Christ draws near.

Foot Washing- Jesus knelt before His disciples and washed their feet (John 13:1-17), showing that true greatness is found in serving others. Participating in foot washing reminds us that Holy Week is not only about remembering, it is about living differently. We are called to love one another with humility.

Maundy Thursday- We remember the night Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "command." Jesus gave a new command: to love one another as He has loved us. Let us be reminded of Christ's body broken and blood poured out for our salvation.

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. We sit in the weight of sacrifice, recognizing the depth of Christ's love. We do not rush past the cross because without the cross, there is no resurrection.

Easter Sunday- We celebrate the risen Christ! The sorrow of the week gives way to joy. The tomb is empty. Death is defeated and hope is alive! We invite everyone to bring flowers to place on the cross. The cross symbolizes suffering and death and the flowered cross symbolize life, beauty, and new beginnings. By doing this act you proclaim that Christ has transformed death into life!

We hold these services throughout Holy Week because the resurrection means more when we have walked the journey. Come and observe the story of Jesus, and be changed by it. From palms to prayer, from washing to the cross, and finally to the empty tomb--this is the story of love that saves!

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday (3/29) 9 am Moore Hall & 11 am Sanctuary Monday (3/30) through Wednesday (4/1) 7 pm in Chapel
Thursday (4/2) and Friday (4/3) 7 pm in Sanctuary Easter Sunday (4/5) 9 am Moore Hall & 11 am Sanctuary

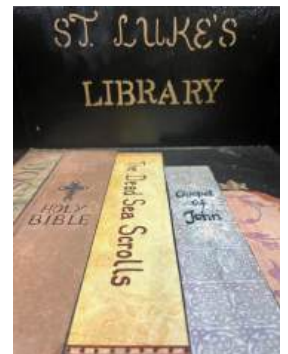
An Inside Look

Nestled in a cozy corner of the church lies a hidden little gem you may not know is there. The library is located behind the right door as you first enter the church from the Robinson St. entrance. Most people know this as the room that leads to the Chapel. What started from just a small shelf of donated books collected by Frances Moore has blossomed into a thriving little library at St. Luke's. The current library boasts shelves built by Ralph Little, an antique table donated by Joyce Barnett, and a large, beautiful chair in memory of Espie and Beatrice Rowe.

The library offers a welcoming space where members and visitors alike can explore a diverse collection of books ranging from Methodist church history to Bible references, theology to self-help, biographies to children's literature and so much more in between! Whether you're looking to deepen your spiritual understanding or simply enjoy a good Christian fictional story, the library at St. Luke's has a book waiting for you. These are books you are welcome to borrow and bring back!

As the library continues to grow, its mission remains clear: to nurture a love of reading and to provide resources that inspire, educate, and uplift. Frances Moore's simple act of generosity has sparked a lasting legacy, one that enriches the lives of all who walk through its doors. So, whether you're searching for your next great read or seeking a quiet place to reflect, the library at St. Luke's is a welcoming haven for all.

Library Hours
Mon-Wed 9am-4pm
Thur-Fri Closed
(this room is utilized by our MHM Counselor)
Sunday 9am- 12pm
The door is usually locked, please ask the office for assistance.



Nominations and Lay Leadership Church Officers 2026

Church Council Officers

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

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

- 2nd Harmon Dobson
- 4th Amber Saucedo
- 8th Jenny Dugan
- 9th Katie Strong
- 11th Robert Saucedo
- 13th Sean Gibson
- 14th Crystal Watts
- 16th Lari Jo Edwards
- 20th Kylee-Jo McMahan
- 21st Mary Hill
- 24th Max James
- 25th Mackenzie Vega
- 28th Jabari Ratcliffe
- 31st Ida White



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.



Wesley Nurse's Corner

Caring for Your Heart



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.

Heart health is essential to living a full and active life. Simple daily habits such as staying physically active, choosing heart-healthy foods, managing stress, getting enough rest, and keeping blood pressure and cholesterol under control can greatly reduce the risk of heart disease. Even small changes, practiced consistently, can strengthen your heart and improve overall wellness.

As we care for our physical hearts, we are also reminded to keep our spiritual hearts focused on God.

May we honor the Lord by caring for both our physical and spiritual health each day.

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

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” -Proverbs 4:23

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

March

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 Peace Lily Order Due 9a Infuse Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 12:15p Privilege of Prayer	2 7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's 10a Exercise Class 6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong	3 10a Exercise Class 11a Stewardship Committee Meeting 12p Class Meeting - room 109 5:30p Men's Group	4 5:30p Youth Group 7p Wednesday Night Worship 7:30p Choir Practice	5 10a Exercise Class 12p Emmaus Group	6	7 -----Youth Camping Trip to Jelly Stone-----
8 Day Light Savings Time 9a Infuse Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 12:15p Privilege of Prayer -----	9 7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's 10a Exercise Class 6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong	10 10a Exercise Class 12p Class Meeting - room 109 5:30p Men's Group	11 1p Food Pantry 5:30p Youth Group 7p Wednesday Night Worship 7:30p Choir Practice	12 Deadline for Newsletter 10a Exercise Class	13	14 6p Emmaus Community Gathering @ United Methodist Church in Rockport
15 9a Infuse Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 12:15p Privilege of Prayer	16 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	17 St. Patrick's Day 10a Financial Assistance 10a Exercise Class 12p Class Meeting - room 109	18 5:30p Youth Group 7p Wednesday Night Worship 7:30p Choir Practice	19 10a Exercise Class 12p Emmaus Group	20	21 4:30p Bingo Night
22 Deadline for Easter Egg Donations 9a Infuse Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 12:15p Privilege of Prayer 12p Worship Committee Meeting	23 7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's 10a Exercise Class 6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong	24 10a Exercise Class 12p Class Meeting - room 109 2p Wall Shakers (Prayer Group) 5:30p Men's Group 5:30p Finance Committee Meeting	25 10:30a VBS Planning Meeting 5:30p Youth Group 7p Wednesday Night Worship 7:30p Choir Practice	26 10a Exercise Class 5:30p Church Council	27 7p 42 Fellowship	28
29 Palm Sunday Children's 5th Sunday Sing 9a Infuse Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 12:15p Privilege of Prayer	30 7:30a Men's Breakfast Group @ Santa Rosa's 10a Exercise Class 6:30p Children's Hula Class with Susan Strong 7p Holy Week Worship	31 10a Exercise Class 12p Class Meeting - room 109 5:30p Men's Group 7p Holy Week Worship				



LITTLE SAINTS



Gia wearing her Noah's Ark craft in Ms. Lynn's Sunday School Class

“Grow in the grace of Jesus”
2 Peter 3:18



Sonia discovering nature



Aaron relaxing in the saucer swing

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10am Sunday School:

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

Preschool-Kinder with Lynn Martinez upstairs in **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 the worship service. The Next 5th Sunday is **March 29, 2026**



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.



Youth camping trip: Jellystone in Kerrville

Pack your bags and grab your Bible off to camp we go!

What to expect:

- Morning and evening devotionals (start and end the day with Jesus)
- Lunchtime Bible Study (because God shows up everywhere even between bites!)
- God sightings (God is everywhere, Can you see Him?)
- Fresh air, laughter, love, friends and moments to grow your faith
- This just is not a regular camping trip, it is a chance to get away and open our eyes to see how God is working in us, through us, and all around us.



Cost:

The cost of the trip \$400 per person. Youth may bring additional money to purchase personal souvenirs, snacks, drinks, etc.. Scholarships available - contact Becky Hope

We will leave the on Thursday, March 5th after school and return the evening of Sunday, March 8. Adult chaperones are Amber McMahon-Baxter and Becky Hope. More information about Jellystone may be found at <https://jellystoneguadalupe.com/>

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.



GriefShare



GriefShare is a compassionate support group offering help and encouragement after the loss of a loved one. Meeting every Tuesday starting April 14th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in room 109, GriefShare provides a safe space for individuals to connect with others who understand the deep pain of losing someone close. Through guided sessions, participants engage in discussions, share their experiences, and find solace in the collective journey towards healing. Whether you are navigating the early stages of grief or have been coping for some time, GriefShare offers a community of empathy and understanding. For more information or to register, please contact Amber McMahan-Baxter in the church office at 361-854-5374 option 3.

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 and your Bible too!

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 Women's Walk will be June 25th - 28th.

Next Men's Walk will be August 6th - 9th.

Pilgrims are needed. Interested individuals can visit coastalbendemmaus.org.

The next Emmaus Community Gathering is scheduled 3/14 @ 6pm at United Methodist Church Rockport.

Have you attended an Emmaus Walk? Did you know there is a 4th day group at St. Luke's. They meet the first and third Thursday of the month at 12 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?

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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 for this walk.

Please be in prayer April 23rd - 26th for the Kairos Walk at the McConnel Unit in Beeville, Tx.



The Power of Prayer

Prayer Groups and Opportunities

“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

Wall Shakers

Next Meeting: March 17th @ 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.



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 or Elvia V.

Prayer Line Email

We offer a 24/7 prayer line for submitting requests throughout the year. This resource provides support for sharing concerns or joys, with a dedicated prayer team that approaches each request with compassion. To submit, email stlukesprayerline@gmail.com. Our prayer line is here to support you and your loved ones in faith and fellowship.



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!
- Join our Little Saints Nursery Staff and share the gospel the message to our next generation

These are just a few ways you can be the hands and feet of Christ at St. Luke's, for more information on how you can serve please contact the church office today!

Announcements



Easter Eggs

Easter joy is on the way – He is Risen! shout hooray.

As we celebrate our King,

let's bless our kids with Easter cheer today.

Candy, toys, and plastic eggs, small surprises in every way.



Drop them off with love and cheer
and help make Easter exciting this year.

Deadline: Sunday, March 22

Let's share God's love in all we do.



If giving funds is on your heart,

please mark your donation clear before you start:

Children's Ministry Egg Hunt

Vacation Bible School

Volunteers needed

Mark your Calendars:
July 20th- July 24th

First planning meeting
will be Wednesday,
March 25th at 10:30 am

It's that time of year again! Time to start preparing for our biggest outreach to the children of the year. VBS! This year's theme is Kingdom Quest. A world of imagination that invites kids into glowing realms, ancient mysteries, and powerful truths that point them to the Kingdom of God and the Light of Jesus.

At this time of preparation we are putting together a list of volunteers and need your name on that list. If you can help, even if its just for a day, and are willing to do have a background check completed,, we would love for you to join us! Reach out to Becky or Amber in the office to sign up today!



Day Light Savings Time

Friendly reminder to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 8th.

Peace Lilies Sale

Sponsor a Peace Lily for Easter, in honor or remembrance of loved ones. On Easter Sunday, our worship spaces will be a beautifully adorned with Peace Lilies and we need your help. Peace Lilies represent tranquility and renewal, bringing a sense of calm and hope to the celebration. By sponsoring a Peace Lily, you not only contribute to the beauty of our worship environment but also honor the spirit of Easter as a time of reflection and new beginnings. After the worship service you are welcome to take yours home and enjoy it as a lasting reminder of the season's joy.



How to Order:

Fill out the "Peace Lily Order Card" located at any of the Information Tables.

You may place form and clearly labeled payment in the offering plate during worship or turn them in directly to the office.

Last day to place order Sunday, March 1st.

Serve Team



We have a thrilling opportunity to host the 2025 Women's Conference, Anew! **We need your help** to form a Serve Team for roles like parking

assistance, greeters, snack helpers, check-in, etc. Each role is vital for a smooth event, ensuring attendees feel welcomed. Training will be provided, and this is a great chance to connect with others and grow in faith. If you're interested in joining the Serve Team, please contact Amber at the church office. Let's create an unforgettable experience together! Keep an eye out for our first Serve Team meeting to be announced soon!

February's Recap

2026 Annual Awakening in Frisco, Tx

What a blessing to gather together at Conference with praise, learning, and the Holy Spirit! The theme this year was "1000 Generations" rooted in Exodus 20:6. What we do today matters stretching from generation to generation.

The business section went smooth. We reviewed financials, approved the budget, and elected additional delegates for General Conference. Even in business mode the spirit was marked by unity, purpose, and trust in God's provision.

We were blessed by an incredible study led by Dr. Sandra Richter. The study was insightful, educational, bringing the Old Testament to life connecting the past to current day.

We heard from Bishop Livingston, Bishop Moore, Bishop Gregory. Their words encourage us, challenged us, and pointed us back to Christ and the mission before us. And Wow, the Revive Youth led a powerful prayer and worship service. The Holy Spirit is moving, stirring, and reminding us that God is raising up the next generation to worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly! We were present for the ordination of the next generation of pastors which included Scott Patten, First Church Aransas Pass, Katherine Cochrane, Faith Church Rockport, and Olga Paul, First Church Three Rivers. What a joy to witness.

Mark your calendars now for the next Awakening set for February 24-27, 2027 in Waco. You don't want to miss it!

Visit <https://midtexasgmc.org/> for more information about the MidTexas Conference.



A big thank you to the Men's Group

for a wonderful Pancake Dinner! The tasty pancakes and warm fellowship made the evening special, providing a delightful chance for everyone to gather, share stories, and enjoy a hearty meal together.



What a wonderful Simple Supper! The soups were superb!

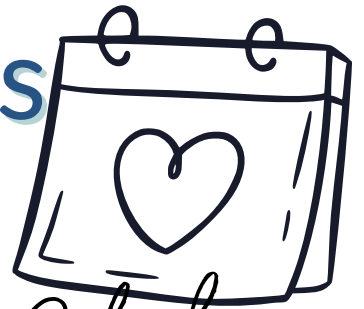


Ash Wednesday Services included the imposition of ashes, a symbol of repentance and renewal.



New worship service being offered at the Viera Senior Living Facility on Sundays.

Upcoming Events



Mark Your Calendars

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Sunday, March 29th at 9 am & 11 am

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Love one another as I have loved you.
Monday, March 30th through Wednesday April 1st
in the Chapel at 7 pm


Thursday, April 2nd and Friday April 3rd
in the Sanctuary at 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY
He is not here; He has risen!
Worship Services: 9 am & 11 am
Brunch in the Parlor @ 10 am
Children's Easter Egg Hunt @ 10 am

This Season of Lent

B.Y.O.B.

Bring Your Own Bible To Church!



Sunday's and Wednesday's Worship Services

February 18th - April 5th

Bring your heart, your Bible, and your pen;
let's grow together in faith.

Need a Bible? Talk to Pastor Brad or Becky,
they would love to bless you with one!

YOU'RE INVITED

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
START 10:00 AM

ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH
3151 REID DR, C.C. TX, 78404

SEE YOU THERE!

St. Patrick's Themed

BINGO NIGHT

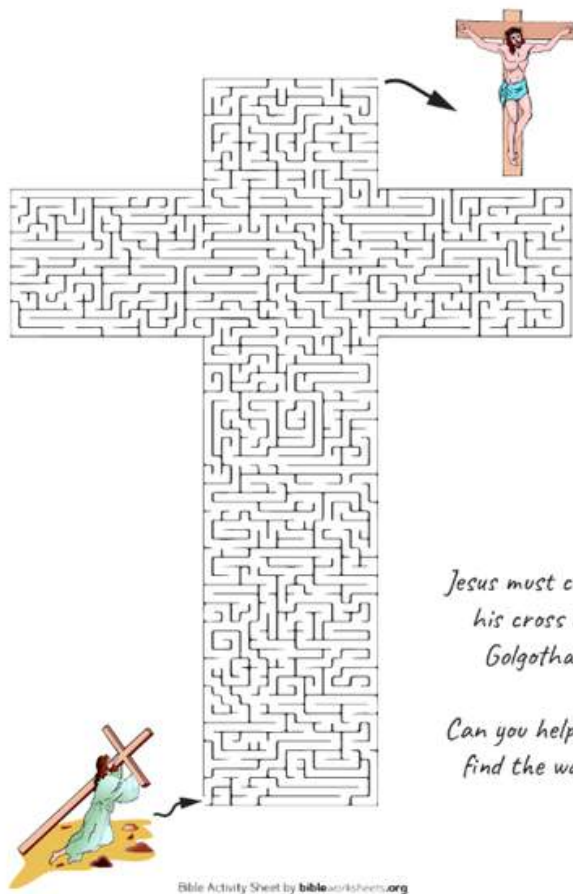


MARCH 21, 2025
DOORS OPEN AT: 4:30PM

Fellowship, Fun, Prizes



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Jesus must carry
his cross to
Golgotha.

Can you help him
find the way?

Bible Activity Sheet by bibleworksheets.org

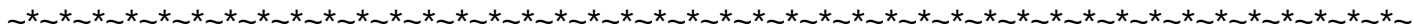


Submit your article by the second Thursday of each month for inclusion in the next edition. Include details like date, time, location, and a brief description to attract readers. We welcome announcements for groups, meetings, and gatherings. You can even submit an article or pictures.

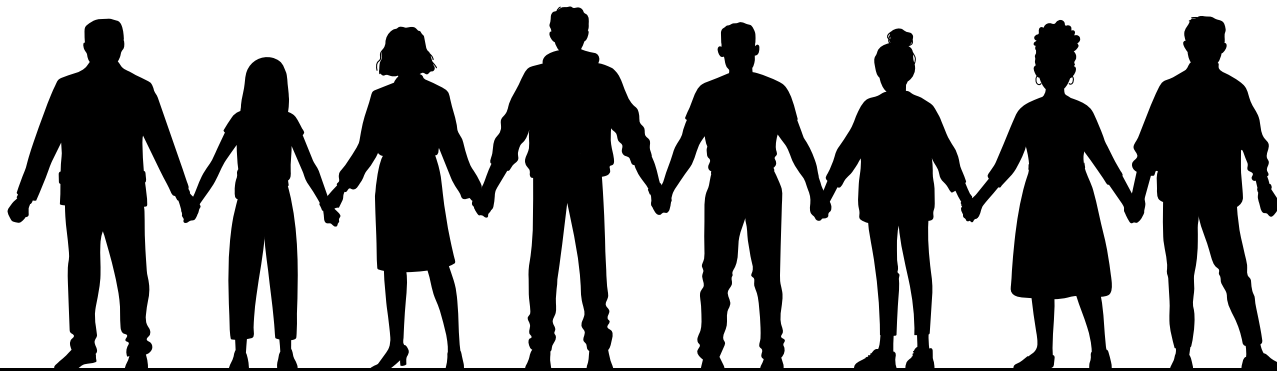
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Or you can pick up a printed copy of The Messenger at any of the information tables located throughout the church.



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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Worship Times:

Sun: 9a & 11a

Wed: 7p