

St. Luke's
Family Gathering
FALL CHURCH CONFERENCE 2022
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Worship Song - *Be Thou My Vision*

Carrie Lelsz, Worship Leader, branches
Rev. Colin Bagby, Lead Pastor, branches

Opening Prayer

Rev. Colin Bagby

Welcome

Dr. Elijah Stansell, District Superintendent

Transformed Building Report

Tim Hilpert, Building Chair

Community Center Vision

Rev. David Horton, Lead Pastor Gethsemane Church
Ryan Villareal

Transformed Capital Campaign and Grants Update

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

Candidate for Ministry

Shelby Olive

Financial Update

Lance Schuler, Treasurer
Caroline Cron, Director of Finance

Generosity 2023

Anne Culver, Director of Advancement
Christy and Spencer Moore, Generosity Chairs 2023

Senior Pastor's Update

Dr. Tom Pace

Denominational Conversation

Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears, Executive Associate Pastor
Joel Mohrman
Dr. Tom Pace

Q & A

Text questions to 832-589-4350

Prayer and Sung Benediction

Doxology

Text questions to 832-589-4350

Background – St. Luke's began conducting a church-wide survey four years ago to help us understand engagement and satisfaction with the programs of the church, our individual practice of the five inside-out habits, and our collective efforts--as an expression of our faith--to make an impact on the world around us. This year, approximately 800 people completed the survey. Below is a snapshot of some of what we learned.

Which offering at St. Luke's were the respondents most likely to recommend to someone?

- A worship service – 92% of the people said they were likely or very likely to recommend
- Next closest offering was Music & Fine Arts program or an outreach event

What are the top reasons people gave for attending in person?

- Desire to connect with God through the worship experience (38%)
- Desire to hear God's word through the sermon (21%)
- Desire to be in relation with others through friends/community (17%)

What is the top reason people gave for NOT attending in person?

- Vacation/Work Schedule (40%)

What is the primary way respondents like to be communicated with?

- Weekly eNews and Dr. Pace's Friday email – 56%
- Next closest method was emails from ministry areas – 24%

Which of the 5 habits are respondents practicing the most often?

- 56% are attending worship weekly
- 56% are praying at least once a day
- 53% are in a small group (Make Friends & Studying the Bible)
- 51% plan to serve at least once per month

When asked which one ministry they feel has helped them grow in their spiritual life more than any other, the most common responses were:

- Participating in Sunday morning worship services – 57%
- Second – Participating in Bible Studies – 27%

When asked in which area they personally need to grow the most, the most common responses were:

- Studying the Bible on their own (25%)
- Praying more on their own (19%)
- Serving in the church and in the community (12%)

In general, attendance and engagement in the 5 habits have steadily increased over the four years of the survey. Because we are in the process of creating a Strategic Plan for 2023 – 2025, we asked: "What are your greatest hopes and dreams for St. Luke's in the next 10 years?" Over 400 people submitted answers and the basic themes are:

- Continuing and/or expanding our outreach efforts (including the work at Gethsemane) was mentioned by over 30% of the responses.
- Growing the church/spreading the Gospel/living our mission was mentioned by over 25%
- Navigating the issues within the UMC well was mentioned by about 20%
- Other themes frequently mentioned:
 - » Increased spiritual growth/engagement
 - » Reaching young people/families
 - » Being a welcoming church/big tent/more diverse/inclusive

If you have questions or want more information about the survey results, please contact Jennifer Gould at jgould@stlukesmethodist.org.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Westheimer and Gethsemane Campuses
As of August 31, 2021

	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Variance YTD
Contribution Revenue	9,285,000	6,020,852	6,406,023	385,171
Use of Restricted and Designated Funds	2,216,838	473,531	477,023	3,492
Other Revenue	975,904	701,564	540,672	(160,892)
Total Revenue	12,477,741	7,195,947	7,423,718	227,771
Personnel Expenses	(6,982,994)	(4,634,794)	(4,396,303)	238,491
Ministry Expenses	(2,242,907)	(1,492,173)	(1,319,294)	172,879
General & Administrative Expenses	(523,177)	(347,473)	(394,714)	(47,241)
Building & Grounds and Utilities	(1,845,738)	(1,230,692)	(1,212,425)	18,267
Apportionments	(573,926)	(382,617)	(392,075)	(9,458)
Capital and Operating Reserves	(309,000)	(206,000)	(206,000)	-
Total Expenses	(12,477,741)	(8,293,749)	(7,920,811)	372,938
Net Income/(Loss)	-	(1,097,802)	(497,093)	600,709