

## What's Happening at St. Luke's

### Easter Offering: PM Pals

It's not too late to give to our Easter Offering benefitting PM Pals which serves families with special needs in our community. For more information, visit [StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering](http://StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering)

### April Collection

It's time for school supplies for Small Steps, our Community Partner, that provides "an exemplary early childhood program for economically at-risk children and their families." Drop off supplies in the donations bin or order online. [StLukesMethodist.org/schoolsupplies](http://StLukesMethodist.org/schoolsupplies)

### New Working Faith Cohort | Starts Today

Sundays through May 12 | 12:15–1:15 p.m. | Hines Baker

Many of us struggle to find the connection between Sunday worship and Monday work. Join leaders Steve McCarthy and Drew Scoggins for a 6-week study on the theology of work and how it can renew and re-energize our day to day lives and careers. Contact Drew Scoggins: [dscoggins@stlukesmethodist.org](mailto:dscoggins@stlukesmethodist.org)

### The Art and Craft of Testimony | Today at 3–4:30 p.m. | Hines Baker

Testimony is an authentic sharing of our personal stories where we've recognized God's presence in our lives. In this interactive workshop we will look at testimony-sharing scriptures and practice different kinds of testimonies. Register: [StLukesMethodist.org/testimony](http://StLukesMethodist.org/testimony)

### Neighborhood Groups | Starting April 8

Gather around the table with other St. Luke's adults in your neighborhood. You'll meet weekly for four weeks to share a potluck meal and talk about what God is doing in your lives. Register for a group in your neighborhood: [StLukesMethodist.org/biblestudies](http://StLukesMethodist.org/biblestudies) Want to host a group? Contact Katie Brown: [kbrown@stlukesmethodist.org](mailto:kbrown@stlukesmethodist.org)

### Coffee with the Pastor | Sunday, April 14 | 4 p.m. | Hines Baker

Are you interested in learning more about St. Luke's? Ready to begin the path to membership? Attend Coffee with the Pastor, meet Dr. Tom Pace, hear his story, and learn more about St. Luke's values and vision. Register: [StLukesMethodist.org/CWP](http://StLukesMethodist.org/CWP)

### Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again A Study for Women | Tuesdays beginning April 9 | Noon | ES314

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? Rachael Held Evans discovered a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that can equip us and inspire us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. Examining some favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, she retells them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, and even a short screenplay. It changed her—and it can change you, too. Register: [StLukesMethodist.org/biblestudies](http://StLukesMethodist.org/biblestudies)

### RUTH: Loss, Love, and Legacy by Kelly Minter

Wednesdays starting April 10 | Co-ed | 9:30–11 a.m. | ES309

Thursdays starting April 11 | for Women | 7–8:30 p.m. | Online

In this 7-session study we'll examine Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. We'll see how God proves Himself faithful as the One who rescues, revives, and restores.

### Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices for an Evolving Faith by Sarah Bessey

April 21–June 30 | 4–5:30 p.m. | Chapel

This book guides us through the principles of practicing wonder and curiosity as spiritual disciplines, making space for lament and righteous rage, finding good spiritual teachers and discovering what we are for in this life, and moving in that direction.

## Welcome to worship at St. Luke's!

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, please stop by the Connection Desk for a welcome gift.

Tell us you are here!

### 1. Is this your first visit?

Please text *iamnew* to 97000 to let us know you are worshipping with us today!

### 2. Check in on the St. Luke's App.

If you don't have the app installed on your phone, you can download it at: [StLukesMethodist.org/app](http://StLukesMethodist.org/app).

### Sermon Notes

*Who Are You Trying to Impress?*  
First in the Series, "*Lies of Little Gods*"

**Leading in Worship Today:** Rev. Colin Bagby; Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Rev. Amy Sumrall.

**Musicians:** Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist & Artist-in-Residence; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts; Veritas; Chancel Choir.

**Acolytes:** Adair Coffman, Henry Coffman, Hannah Dulaney, Fiona McNulty.

**The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God** and given in celebration of the baptism of Henry Walter Chaim Moshe Belasco by his parents, Kathryn Sinclair and Bradley Belasco; in celebration of the baptism of Emiline Belle Harrison by her parents, Emily Anne and Will Harrison and brothers, Billy, Brac and Beau Harrison; in loving memory of Mr. R.E. "Pat" Burton and Mrs. Pauline Sims Burton and Dr. Carlos R. Hamilton Sr. and Mrs. Berta Denman Hamilton by Carolyn and Carlos Hamilton Jr.; and in celebration of the baptism of Eleanor Jenifer Hendrix Mickan by her parents, Kathlyn and Branden Mickan.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

April 7, 2024 | 9:45 & 11 a.m.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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**PRELUDE**  
9:45 *Adagio from Sonata No. 1* Mendelssohn  
11:00 Paraphrase on a chorus in *Judas Maccabaeus* Guilmant

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Rev. Amy Sumrall**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70 MEINEKE  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**  
9:45  
**Emiline Belle Harrison**  
Daughter of Frank William Harrison IV & Emily Anne Thoma Harrison

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in her knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.**

11:00  
**Simon Farid Barger**  
Son of Derek Michael Barger & Maya Elizabeth Duna

**Eleanor Jenifer Hendrix Mickan**  
Daughter of Branden Ray Mickan & Kathlyn Ann Hendrix Mickan

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**WELCOME**  
9:45 **Dr. Tom Pace**  
11:00 **Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears**

**SCRIPTURE READING** **Rev. Cliff Ritter**  
Galatians 1:6-12

<sup>6</sup>I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— <sup>7</sup>not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! <sup>9</sup>As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed! <sup>10</sup>Am I now seeking human approval or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. <sup>11</sup>For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin, <sup>12</sup>for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

**MORNING PRAYER**  
9:45 **Dr. Tom Pace**  
11:00 **Rev. Amy Sumrall**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** 11:00  
715 *Rejoice the Lord Is King* DARWALL'S 148TH

**OFFERTORY**  
9:45 *The Last Words of David* Thompson  
Veritas

He that ruleth over men must be just,  
ruling in the fear of God.  
And he shall be as the light of the morning,  
when the sun riseth, evening a morning without clouds;  
as the tender grass springing out of the earth,  
by clear shining, after rain.  
Alleluia.

11:00 *Now Glad of Heart* K. Lee Scott  
Chancel Choir

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one!  
The fight is fought, the day is won,  
The Christ is set upon His throne, Alleluia!

Who on the rood was crucified,  
Who rose again, as at this tide,  
In glory to His Father's side, Alleluia!

Who baffled death and harrowed hell  
and led the souls that loved Him well  
All in the light of lights to dwell: Alleluia!

To Him we lift our heart and voice  
And in His paradise rejoice  
with harp and pipe and happy noise.  
Sing Alleluia!

Then rise all Christian folk, with me  
And carol forth the One in Three  
that was, and is and is to be, Alleluia!

*As an alternative to the offering plate, text gift amount to: 832-669-5500.*

**\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95** OLD 100TH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SERMON** *Who Are You Trying to Impress?* **Rev. Colin Bagby**  
First in the Series, "Lies of Little Gods"

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**  
*If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please visit the Connection Desk to learn more.*

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**  
396 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ANGEL'S STORY

**\*BENEDICTION** **Rev. Colin Bagby**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** 11:00  
311 *Now the Green Blade Riseth* FRENCH CAROL

**POSTLUDE**  
9:45 *Prelude in C major, BWV 547* Bach  
11:00 *At Easter-tide* Stanford

At places marked \* those who are able may stand.

**COMMUNION IN THE CHAPEL**  
You're invited to the Chapel at 12:05 P.M. for Holy Communion