

What's Happening at St. Luke's

July Collection: CCSC Canned Food Donations

Food donations are notoriously low over the summer months. St. Luke's is collecting non-perishable foods for Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). CCSC is in specific need of hearty soups, peanut butter, canned meats, canned fruit and can openers. Drop off donations in the Donations Bin located in the Gathering Room.

Questions? Email Karen McCarver. Kmccarver@StLukesMethodist.org

Needed: The Garden Front Desk Volunteers

We need your help welcoming youth, processing intake forms and answering questions at our newly opened community youth center on our Gethsemane Campus. Volunteers are needed Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Interested? Contact Amy Kelley, Akelley@stlukesmethodist.org

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/gardenvolunteers

The Study: A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23

Tuesdays, Starting July 9 | 12 p.m. | ES3

Led by Katie Brown and Suzi Pitts | Woman-Only Study

Travel the Shepherd's path to the green pastures and cool, refreshing waters of Psalm 23. As a shepherd himself, W. Phillip Keller shares his insights into the life and character of sheep--and of the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for them. StLukesMethodist.org/Bible-Studies

Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest

Sundays, July 21-September 22 (no meeting August 4 or September 1)

4-5 p.m. | ES301 | Led by Katie Brown

When we fail to rest we do more than burn ourselves out. We misunderstand the God who calls us to rest--who created us to be people of rest. Join us for a practical and hopeful discussion that will encourage us to slow down and enjoy our relationship with the God of the universe.

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/Bible-Studies

Save the date for *Sister Act*

July 18-20 and 25-27 | 7:30 p.m. | July 20-21 and 27-28 | 2:30 p.m.

America's Got Talent Semi-Finalist Christina Wells stars as Deloris Van Cartier in the feel-good musical smash based on the hit film that has audiences jumping to their feet! *Sister Act* was nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Tickets: StLukesMethodist.org/Sister-Act

Children's Summer Musical: A Technicolor Promise

The summer musical is open to entering 1st-5th graders. Rehearsals are in the Rotunda Theater Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 2 from 1:30-5 p.m. The children will perform on Friday, August 2 at 6 p.m. and sing in the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 4.

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/SummerMusical

Questions? Contact Jim Roman, Jroman@StLukesMethodist.org

Summer Serve

Looking for ways to beat the heat and Love our City this summer?

See opportunities for all ages: StLukesMethodist.org/summerserve

Leave A Legacy

Remembering St. Luke's in your will is a wonderful way to make a lasting gift. Your bequest will perpetuate our ministries for years to come. If you have already included St. Luke's in your estate plans, please let us know so we can be aware of your thoughtfulness. Should you be considering a bequest, please call 713-402-5153 or email Jamie Grissom, Jgrissom@StLukesMethodist.org. We are grateful for our members' generosity both now and in the future!

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.

Sermon Notes

Let's Get Real

Fifth in a Series, "Best Sermon Ever: Sermon On the Mount"

Let's get real: sometimes Scripture is hard to understand.
How do we wrestle with texts that confuse or challenge us?

Let's get real: sometimes it's hard to know how faith can intersect with our flesh-and-blood struggles.

How do we let God into the parts of our lives that we are ashamed about, embarrassed by, or would just rather pretend don't exist?

Let's get real: sometimes we over-spiritualize when what we actually need are practical tools.

What are some concrete ways we can confront our struggles head-on and get the resources we need for healing and transformation of our whole being?

Leading in Worship Today: Rev. Amy Sumrall; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Dr. Chuck Simmons.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Rob Landes, Organist Emeritus; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts; B.B. Bamberg, Accompanist; St. Cecilia; Chancel Choir.

Acolyte: Abbie Giraud.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Dr. Harold T. Baber, Jr. by his wife Rosalind, children Jonathan Baber and Roseanna Baber Hill and Jason Hill, and granddaughters Isabelle and Elizabeth; and in celebration of the baptism of Phillip Carl Garoni by his parents, Kathryn Mueller Garoni and Phillip Kyle Garoni and sisters, Avery and Hazel Garoni; and in celebration of the birthday of Phillip's late great grandfather today, Carl G. Mueller, Jr. by his loving family.



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

BEST
SERMON
EVER

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

June 30, 2024 | 9:45 & 11 a.m.

PRELUDE *Gather Us In* John Behnke

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
126 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 Rev. Cliff Ritter

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

Phillip Carl Garoni

Son of Phillip Kyle Garoni & Kathryn Mueller Garoni

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 he may grow in his 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 he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

WELCOME Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

SCRIPTURE READING 9:45 Rev. Cliff Ritter
11:00 Dr. Chuck Simmons
Matthew 5:27–30 (NLT)

²⁷"You have heard the commandment that says, 'You must not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say, anyone who even looks at a person with lust has already committed adultery with that person in his/her heart. ²⁹So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

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

410 *I Want a Principle Within* GERALD

OFFERTORY

9:45 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* arr. Dilworth
St. Cecilia

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won
Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast
God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land
Our native land

11:00 *We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* arr. Boyer
Chancel Choir

We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the Cross.

Every round goes higher, higher,
Soldiers of the Cross.

Sinner do you love your Jesus,
Soldiers of the Cross.

Lord, let me walk close by your side;
I'll be your sheep, you'll be my guide.
Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
And I will say at your command:

If you love him why not serve him,
Soldiers of the Cross.

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 Rev. Amy Sumrall

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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**
557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Amy Sumrall

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00
378 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* John Leavitt

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