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Open doors

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## Partner with Jesus

Only the simple gospel is complex enough to address the upheavals in our nation. Jesus can drive racism of any kind out of the heart. Jesus can turn the violent to love. Jesus can drive people to move into dangerous areas rather than abandon them. Jesus can drive someone to risk their life for the conviction that every life matters—black, brown, yellow, tan, white, blue, unborn, terminal, elderly. Jesus can enable a young black man victimized by a white cop's profiling to say, "I want you to know that it's because Jesus loves me that I can forgive you." Jesus can enable a white police officer to say, "I do this job because I love people, even when they hate me." Jesus can enable an authority to say, "I love you AND you are going to prison for your crimes." Jesus motivates health care professionals to address the nation's mental health crisis though they will not be well compensated for their services. Jesus drives people to ignore the simplistic, short-term, ineffective, politically correct blame-game and engage in those thankless efforts to transform people and places. Jesus is transcendently powerful enough to restore people and rebuild places being ravaged by Evil. And gospel-centered people are doing it through personal evangelism, tutoring at-risk kids, providing health care for the underserved, training abused kids to create art, leading neglected kids to dance, providing support to single moms, teaching young people to budget, offering real hope to the addicted, cooperating with other religious groups to bring human flourishing, strategizing with police to de-escalate violence, and building respect among the young for those who bear the sword.

May the church continue to take a stand like Jesus did. May the church create opportunities and ministries for people mentioned in the above paragraph. May the church see again what she has instead of what she does not have to offer. May the church continue to offer hope, grace, welcome, and radical hospitality to all.

It is my intentions, in this article, to highlight the active role of gospel-centered individuals and the church in addressing societal challenges. My goal in writing is to encourage members and friends of our church to engage in personal evangelism, support marginalized communities, address mental health issues, combat human trafficking, and promote reconciliation and respect within society.

Jesus' call to his disciples then and now is a call to action for all individuals to partner with him in bringing about positive change in the world.

Can you see yourself being a part and a partner with Jesus?

*In Christian love and grace, Mel*



### Lenten Schedule

**Palm Sunday Worship Service**  
March 24 † 10:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service** † March 28 † 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
March 29 † 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
March 30 † 10:00 a.m.

**Easter Sunday Worship Service**  
March 31 † 10:30 a.m.



St. Luke United Methodist Church

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, March 30 • 10:00 a.m.**

We are asking church members to contribute plastic eggs and candy with:  
**no chocolate and no nuts.**

Questions??? Call Mary Paris  
817/688-2751

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



**Palm Sunday, March 30**

On Palm Sunday the children will be processing down the church aisle waving their palms and then later they will be singing during our worship service. Join us for this special day during the season of Lent.



I am in the process of updating the church directory. Please contact me with any changes to your address, phone number or email address. You can send your changes to [office@st-luke-umc.com](mailto:office@st-luke-umc.com) or call the church office at 817-838-6834. Thank you, Susan Briles



## Nursery Workers Needed

Our church is in need of nursery workers. Anyone who applies will need to take sexual abuse training which involves a video and a quiz. The process takes less than an hour to finish. If you or anyone you know would like to become a nursery worker, the job pays \$15 an hour. Anyone interested in becoming a nursery worker needs to contact Susan in the church office at 817/838-6834. Thank you!



The United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, March 26 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting and a program with Kathleen Brown and her Exhibit of Aprons.



### *Easter Sunday Flower Cross*

On Easter Sunday we will continue our annual tradition of having the Flower Cross in the sanctuary for the celebration of Easter. Please bring your flowers, whether from your own garden or purchased to the narthex by 9:00 a.m. and the cross will be ready for our 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Thank you in advance for participating.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

**Continued Prayer Concerns:** Jeanne Anne Pharis; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; David & Kay Stapp; Sam & Ann Kiker; Byron Lechler; Betty Holshouser; Scott Paris; Burt & Marylou Moore; Barbara Jones; Charles & Pat Hooper; Alice Cook; Jo Wommack; Melissa Lechler & her son, Lucas; Toni Hood's granddaughter-in-law, Christin; Buddy & DeeDee Hill grandson, Milo; Darren Isbell; Betty Ann Carter; Ed Baker; George & Karen Angle's daughter-in-law, Kristine; Ruby Lane; Clifford & Marilyn Smith; Sandra Mason; Mel & Susan Bishara's family in Israel and their nephew, Jimmy; Bob Watkins & family; Peggy Fallin; Raymond Hames; Bonnie Richards; Sharon Friddle's daughter, Amanda Govea; Rory Yocum; Doris Crocker; Sandra Whittenburg; David Stapp; Rose Mascari & her son; Art & Cathy Gordon; Gloria Lechler; Larea Pippen; Barbara Blair; Joe Crawford; Sharon Friddle; Ovella Russell; Stanislas Ndecky & his mother; Lesha Henderson

**This Week's Concerns:** those affected by the wildfires in Texas Panhandle; George & Karen Angle with the loss of their sister-in-law, Debbie; John Kasonga & family with the loss of his father, Dr. Marcel kasonga; Mark Chandler's father; Ann Kiker & family with the loss of Sam; the people of the southern of Israel and Gaza; those affected by flooding, earthquakes, & wildfires; isolation & loneliness; gun violence each day in our country; the people of Ukraine & the world; prayers for our nation

**Our Military:** Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox; Junior Chowe



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You may also use your banking online payment services to make your contributions every month.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Luke United Methodist Church!





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Sunday Services: Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.

French Worship Service • 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**4th Sunday in Lent**

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

No Activities

**Tuesday, March 12, 2023**

No Activities

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. French Congregation Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast—Bluebonnet Café

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

11:00 a.m. Emmanuel Class Lunch—Bluebonnet Café

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**5th Sunday in Lent**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

**Monday, March 18, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Submission DEADLINE

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

No Activities

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. French Congregation Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal



***Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for In-Person Worship or Online Worship via our Facebook page & You Tube:***

You Tube is not working currently, but we are working on the problem and it should be fixed soon.

***SLUMC—Haltom City***

***Sunday, March 10, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.***

***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

***Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.***

***Weekly Attendance • February 21***

*Prayer Group—8*

*Wednesday Bible Study—17*

*United Methodist Men Breakfast • February 8—6*

***Sunday, February 25, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.***

*Sunday School—52*

*In-Person Worship—52*

*Online Worship—129*

*French Worship Service • 2:00 p.m.—43*

***Weekly Attendance • February 28***

*Prayer Group—8*

*Wednesday Bible Study—17*

*French Bible Study—8*

*United Methodist Men Breakfast • February 29—7*

***Sunday, March 3, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.***

*Sunday School—46*

*In-Person Worship—47*

*Online Worship—125*

*French Worship Service • 2:00 p.m.—48*