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# E-MESSENGER

Open hearts  
Open minds  
Open doors

## Saint Luke United Methodist Church

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### God Does Not Change

The seasons come and go, so focus on the God who remains unchanged and unchanging. "LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." (Psalm 90:1-2).

There's a lot of unwelcome change in our world. Moral and societal changes bother us most when we turn on our television or glance at the magazines. We're painfully aware our kids are growing up in a world far different from the one we knew as children.

And personal changes—children leaving home, the passing of dear friends, and the slow, steady decline in our vitality and health. Sometimes we feel outdated at work.

But amid all the changes, one thing, one person, never changes—our eternal God. Remember this verse from "Abide with Me?"

"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.--Henry F. Lyte

God does not change. God's life, ways, purposes, and truth never change. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

The world may fade, the stars may fall, the seasons may change, and winter may come. But the God who has been our help in ages past is our hope for years to come. In God we have permanence, stability, joy unshakable, and life unending.

We've all suffered setbacks along the way. But God promised, "I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten... You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God." (Joel 2:25-26). God can be trusted with what has happened to us in years past and what will happen in the future.

Our Savior knows the end from the beginning, and God will bless whatever is yielded to Him.

The autumn of life is a great time to focus on God's wonderful blessings—family, friends, strength, shelter, provision, guidance, care, fruitful ministry, opportunities to serve, more time to pray and study His Word, and eternal life still to come.

Autumn is a good time to focus on your commitment to God. Some of the saddest words in the Bible are in Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." If you've never made a commitment to Jesus Christ, do it now, while there is still time. If you are a follower of Christ, remember to remain close to Him during the shifting seasons of life. Thank God for changing seasons and for God's unchanging nature. May we trust God in all areas of our lives.

*In Christian love and grace, Mel*



### SECOND CHANCE RESALE SHOP YARD SALE

September 21

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

### OUTSIDE YARD SALE

Fill a bag (supermarket size) of clothes for \$1

### INSIDE RESALE SHOP ONLY

All Clothes are 50% off each item

All other items in store are priced as marked

*Selling grilled hotdogs & water*

**NO PUNCH CARDS ACCEPTED**



The Fall Fest Committee will meet September 24 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**FALL FEST • OCTOBER 26, 2024**

This is the time of year to start planning what you want to contribute to this year's Silent Auction or what items to bake or what craft items to make for the Sweet Shop & Craft Store.

Leslie Duncan, Randy Fox & Carol Negozio are working on this year's quilt.

There will be more information in the next newsletter coming out on **September 25**.



(FORMALLY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN)

United Women in Faith will meet September 17 • 10:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Bobbi Arthur  
Haltom City Senior Center Supervisor

Light Lunch Included • All Ladies Invited



**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; Betty Holshouser; Scott Paris; Burt & Marylou Moore; Barbara Jones; Charles & Pat Hooper; Alice Cook; Melissa Lechler & her son, Lucas; Toni Hood's granddaughter-in-law, Christin; Buddy & DeeDee Hill's grandson, Milo; Darren Isbell; Ed Baker; Bonnie Richards; Sandra Mason; Mel & Susan Bishara's family in Israel and their nephew, Jimmy; Bob Watkins & family; Rory Yocum; Larea Pippen; David Stapp; Joe Crawford; George & Karen Angle's daughter, Sarah & daughter-in-law, Kristine; Ruby Lane's nephew, Dan Reynolds; Roy & Joan Hudson's son, Richard; Byron Lechler; Patty Tucker; Barbara Kimbrough; Ann Kiker; Barbara Provenzano; sister, Lynn; Kelly Roberts; Lydia Acosta & her husband; Beverly Bradley's grandson-in-law; Clifford Smith; Jean P. Isbell; Amy Bibb's daughter; Art & Cathy Gordon; Roy Hudson

**This Week's Concerns:** Mary Steward; Buddy Hill; Ray Savell & family with the loss of his brother, Hubert; Peggy Fallin; Buffie Pittman & family with the loss of her sister, Paula Pittman; Bill Whisenant with the loss of his brother; David & Cindy Lasiter; the people of the southern of Israel and Gaza; those affected by flooding; 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



Please continue your financial support of St. Luke United Methodist Church. There are several ways to contribute that include mailing your offering to the church office or giving online through our website, [stlukeumchaltomcity.org](http://stlukeumchaltomcity.org).

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!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had ten in attendance last Sunday. We enjoyed a good lesson on Trust. Prayer Concerns: Joe Crawford; Mary Steward and Ruby Lane's nephew, Dan. Happy Birthday to Bonnie Harter on September 9th.

*Mary Ross*

## GENESIS CLASS:

We'll be picking up on Sunday, September 15 on page 120. Amy Bibb has also asked us to read the chapter of Joshua 4 to tie into the lesson. Keep in your prayers: Ray for the loss of his brother, Hubert; Carol Wood's brother while traveling.

Doughnuts:

9/15 - Buddy & DeeDee Hill

9/22 - Ray & Linda Savell

9/29 & 10/6 are open.

Have a great week and see you Sunday.

*Anita Bookout*

## UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Greetings to all. Our attendance was eight plus one visitor making a total of nine in class last Sunday. Thank you Gail for the refreshments and devotion taken from the *Upper Room*, October 4, 2024, titled "Lifelines." Our lifeline to God is through prayer. He offers us hope and a future. Our joys: Ann and Virgil taking a road trip to San Saba in their new RV with the Methodist Campers, Gerry LaRue making it home safely, Ann spending time with her granddaughters, and Debbie's upcoming trip to Buffalo, New York for the weekend. Prayer concerns: David and Cindy Lasiter; Bill Whisenant with the loss of his brother; Gail's brother, Bruce is in the hospital; Sue Feller; Byron Lechler; Bonnie Richards; Ryder Gilland; and Rose Mascari. Dr. Martha delivered our morning prayer asking God to help us hear His Word and apply it to our hearts.

Birthdays: Suzanne Nickel, 9/27 and Toni Hood, 9/30.

**Start making plans for the Fall Fest on October 26.**

Resale Shop: \$120

Devotion/Refreshments: Jack and Lorna Bostick

Prayer Group: Wednesday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Lesson: John 8:1

*Gloria Lechler*

## Youth News:



This Sunday we shared with the youth on how God gives strength to the weak, He renews our strength. Our bible verse is found in the Book of Isaiah 40:29. Have you ever experienced fatigue where you just feel tired of everything, physically and mentally? I believe it has happened to everyone at least once in your lifetime. But the good news is God is our strength and he can renew our strength. The good attitude is just to lean on God and relax knowing that the good almighty God is in control. We try to control everything sometimes in our lives, but God wants us to lean on him and relax, he is taking care of us, he is renewing our strength daily. Even in sickness or death, we know that God is in control. My prayer today is: God help me to relax in you. Amen.

*Stanislas Ndecky*



**NEW ADDRESS:**  
(Effective immediately)

**Linda Smith**  
8200 Blue Air Lane  
Fort Worth TX 76131

# Newsletter

The next *E-Messenger* Newsletter will be published **September 25** and all submissions need to be in the church office by **September 23**. Thank you!



## Wednesday Morning Prayer Group & Bible Study

September 18 & 25, 2024

Fellowship Hall † Book of Exodus

Prayer Group † 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study † 10:00 a.m.

*We invite you to join us.*



**AUGUST 2024**  
**Receipts: \$17,477**





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Sunday Services: Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.  
 In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.  
 Expansion Hispanic Church Service • 1:30 p.m.  
 French Worship Service • 2:00 p.m.

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

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**Sunday, September 15, 2024**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
 1:30 p.m. Expansion Hispanic Church  
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

**Monday, September 16, 2024**  
 No Activities

**Tuesday, September 17, 2023**  
 No Activities

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

9:30 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

**Thursday, September 19, 2024**

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

**Friday, September 20, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
 1:30 p.m. Expansion Hispanic Church  
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

**Monday, September 23, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Submission DEADLINE

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Fall Fest Committee Meeting • Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

9:30 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:  
 SLUMC—Haltom City*

**Sunday, September 15, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.**

<b>Weekly Attendance • August 21</b>	<b>Sunday, August 25</b>
Prayer Group—8	Sunday School—64
Bible Study—16	In-Person Worship—68
Youth—7	Online Worship—126
French Bible Study—9	French Worship Service—34
UMM Breakfast • August 22—3	

<b>Weekly Attendance • August 28</b>	<b>Sunday, September 1</b>
Prayer Group—8	Sunday School—50
Bible Study—13	In-Person Worship—49
Youth—6	Online Worship—175
French Bible Study—12	French Worship Service—33
UMM Breakfast • August 29—5	

<b>Weekly Attendance • September 4</b>	<b>Sunday, September 8</b>
Prayer Group—6	Sunday School—49
Bible Study—15	In-Person Worship—52
Youth—9	Online Worship—140
French Bible Study—6	French Worship Service—51
UMM Breakfast • September 5—6	