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Saint Luke United Methodist Church

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Fall Fest • October 26 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Silent Auction, Sweet Shop & Craft Store,
a Catered Lunch, Kids Korner and a
chance to win the Quilt!

SILENT AUCTION

New and homemade items being donated to the Silent Auction need to be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 24 from 12:00—5:00 p.m. or Friday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Non-Perishable items can be left in the New Covenant classroom Sunday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



SWEET SHOP & CRAFT STORE

The Sweet Shop & Craft Store will be located in the Emmanuel classroom. The Sweet Shop will be offering our famous Pecan Tarts, delicious baked goods and a Craft Store. We encourage members to bring baked goods and crafts for the shop. All baked goods being donated need to be delivered to the church on Friday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or before Fall Fest begins on Saturday morning.



QUILT

Leslie Duncan, Randy Fox and Carol Negrozio have made the quilt for this year's Fall Fest. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each for a chance to win the quilt starting Sunday, October 6.



CATERED LUNCH

Lunch is being catered by Linda Schmidt and she is offering sandwiches, salad, and chips.

Cost for Lunch:
Adults: \$10

Children under 10: \$5



KIDS KORNER

Activities: Guess the Amount of Candy in the Jar Game
Paint a picture for a \$1



Beyond All Limits

All of us have limits and boundaries that make us uncomfortable if we go beyond them. There are certain things we will not do or become involved in because it is beyond our comfort zone. Most of our frustrations in life are a direct result of limitations. We're limited by space because we can only be in one place at one time. We're constantly facing circumstances where we don't know what to do, trying to answer questions we don't know the answers to. All of us have a breaking point; all of us reach the point of being physically exhausted, mentally spent, spiritually empty, and financially busted. When we move to the very edge of our personal limits, we need God's help to continue to mature and move forward with Christ.

The Church in our generation has been and always will be God's plan for bringing hope, life and the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. The book of Acts presents the Church as it is born and multiplies in the first century. Here, the Church is presented as an army of influence with the Gospel, empowered by God to go beyond all limits.

As 21st-century followers of Jesus Christ, the same God enables us by this same power—the Holy Spirit—to live out our faith and fulfill God's purpose in this generation. Yet, today we have the added blessing and responsibility of making use of expanded tools and technologies to do extraordinary works for the glory of God.

In Isaiah 54, we find signature verses describing what St. Luke United Methodist Church has taken in the past and will continue to undertake in the days and years to come: "Enlarge the place of your tent and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out: Do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities."

Today, I am asking St. Luke United Methodist Church members and friends to embrace this same challenge. Through prayer and sacrifice, together, we intend to expand our tents for ministry, lengthen the cords of love, strengthen the stakes of faith, and go deeper in our walk with Christ. We are praying for God to expand and enable greater influence for Christ through worship, Bible Study, evangelism, Children and Youth Ministries, community service, sacrifice, Christ-centered living and discipleship.

You are invited and encouraged to join us in this journey of faith. The challenge for all of us is to make it personal. To do so, we must be diligent in prayer and realign our vision and values toward things that will matter for eternity. Together, we are seeking a revival of spirit that will bring freshness and fullness as we move forward—moving beyond all limits.

Ephesians 3:20 – "Now glory be to God! By His mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than

In Christian love and grace, Mel



CHILDREN'S SABBATH

OCTOBER 13

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, October 13 at our 10:30 a.m. worship service to observe Children's Sabbath Day. It is a day set aside to celebrate children as active participants in the life of the church and to educate the congregation about the state of today's children and families in America. St. Luke United Methodist Church's children will be singing and participating in the worship service. The children will be practicing each Sunday to prepare for this special day.

Mary & George Paris & Linda Schmidt

SNEAK PEEK AT THIS YEAR'S QUILT FOR FALL FEST

Leslie Duncan sent in a photo of this year's quilt for Fall Fest so that you can start thinking about how it will look on your bed if you win the drawing at Fall Fest, Saturday, October 26.

Tickets go on sale for a chance to win this beautiful quilt for \$10 starting Sunday, October 6.



Holy Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024

Communion will be served during our in-person worship service. We will invite all who are able to come to the altar to receive communion. As usual during our online worship service we will invite you to participate in communion by having your own elements ready.



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 Pippin; David Stapp; Joe Crawford; George & Karen Angle's daughter, Sarah & daughter-in-law, Kristine; 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; Jean P. Isbell; Amy Bibb's daughter; Roy Hudson; 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

This Week's Concerns: Ruby Lane's nephew, Dan Reynolds; Mary Stewart; Buddy Hill; 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.

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 on Sunday and we enjoyed Beverly Bradford's lesson on Peacemaker Moments. Prayer concerns: Joe Crawford & Mary Steward.

Mary Ross

GENESIS CLASS:

Thank you George for leading us in class. We'll pick up on page 128 next week. Several will be out of town over the next few weeks. Prayers for safe travels. Congratulations to Amy West on her retirement. Thank you, Lord, for the rain this morning. Fall is, hopefully, on its way. Fall Fest is October 26. Keep these in your prayers: Buddy recovering from hip replacement; Dayna's son, daughter-in-law and friend's family; Mary Steward; Cathy's aunt, Barbara Kimbrough, & Mel's family in Nazareth.

Doughnuts:

9/29—Amy Bibb

10/6—open

10/13—George & Karen Angle

Y'all have a blessed week and we'll see you Sunday.

Anita Bookout

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Greetings from the Upper Room Class. Attendance: September 15—11 & September 22—9. We thank God we are keeping our attendance good. We've been discussing the upcoming Fall Fest and getting commitments for donations and pecan tarts. If anyone would like to help us by making a donation of pecan tarts, homemade cakes, pies, cookies, candies, preserves, pickles or crafts, the Upper Roomers would be so appreciative and thankful. Please contact Gloria Lechler, Debbie Chapman or Dr. Martha if you would like to contribute to the Sweet and Craft Shop. We want to thank those who helped with the Yard Sale on September 21. It was a great success! Prayer concerns: Bruce, Gail's brother; Sue Feller; Ryder, Gary Gilland's son; Ann Van Schuyver; Byron Lechler and our country. Joys: Miya and her new home; David Lasiter is doing better and our weather is cooler with rain this week. Morning prayer was delivered by Gary Gilland, our newest member, thanking God for the fellowship he has been feeling in our class and for God's watchful eye over our country. Jack gave our morning self written devotion on "Eternal Life" describing the perfection of our new home and the joy of seeing our family members again. On September 15, Earline's devotion was from a writing by Robert L. Stevenson. The idea he was portraying was we should approach life with gratefulness and cheerfulness which brings joy to our lives and to God. Thank you Jack and Earline. Remember Toni's birthday on 9/30.

Resale Shop: September 15: \$270; September 22: \$433

Devotion/Refreshments: Gloria and Debbie

Prayer Group: Wednesday, 9:30 am—Fellowship Hall

Lesson: John 9:13

Gloria Lechler

Youth News:



This week we spoke with the youth on the importance of trusting God no matter what the circumstances are. Our Bible verse is found in the Book of Colossians 1:17. There are times where we think or we realize that we have made wrong choices in life, and that can follow us in life and put guilt on us. But I have come to realize that, even in my mistakes, God is still in control of my life. There is no detail of my life that God is not aware of or is not in control of. That puts peace in my heart to know that God have not forsaken me nor abandoned me. Today let us trust God with all our hearts. Amen.

Stanislas Ndecky



Volunteers Needed at the Resale Shop

If you can work during the week or the weekend, the Resale Shop needs your help organizing merchandise.

Call Dr. Martha at 817/269-9654 to volunteer.



The next *E-Messenger* Newsletter will be published **October 9** and all submissions need to be in the church office by **October 7**. Thank you!



Wednesday Morning Prayer Group & Bible Study

October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2024

Fellowship Hall † Book of Exodus

Prayer Group † 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study † 10:00 a.m.

We invite you to join us.



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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 29, 2024
19th 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 30, 2024
 No Activities

Tuesday, October 1, 2023
 No Activities

Wednesday, October 2, 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, October 3, 2024

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

Friday, October 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, October 5, 2024

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, October 6, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost † Communion Sunday

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, October 7, 2024

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Submission DEADLINE

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

No Activities

Wednesday, October 9, 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 & YouTube:
 SLUMC—Haltom City*

Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance • September 11, 2024

Prayer Group—6

Bible Study—14

Youth Activities—5

French Congregation Bible Study—7

UMM Breakfast • September 12—9

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Sunday School—55

In-Person Worship—57

Online Worship—114

French Worship Service—50

Weekly Attendance • September 18, 2024

Prayer Group—6

Wednesday Bible Study—14

Youth Activities—6

French Congregation Bible Study—9

UMM Breakfast • September 19—5

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Sunday School—49

In-Person Worship—65

Online Worship—82

French Worship Service—34