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A Letter from Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. *Leading After the Election*

Dear members of the Horizon Texas Conference,

After an intense season that saw passionate debate and deep polarization leading to Election Day, the results have been announced, and Donald Trump has been elected as our next president. Whether this reflects the vote you cast or not, as your bishop, I call on all United Methodists in our conference to respond with grace, wisdom and a continued commitment to our shared Christian values.

On a day that will almost certainly see rhetoric about winner and losers, let us remember that our ultimate allegiance is to Christ, not to any political party or leader. As Paul reminds us in Philippians 3:20, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." While we respect the office of the president and pray for our leaders, our primary focus must remain on living out the gospel in our communities.

In the coming days and weeks, I urge you to:

1. Pray for President-elect Trump, that he may lead with wisdom, compassion and a commitment to justice for all.
2. Reach out to those who may feel marginalized or fearful in light of this election result. Offer comfort, support and a listening ear.
3. Recommit to the United Methodist Social Principles, particularly our call to social justice, care for creation and the dignity of all persons.

As we navigate the presidential transition, let us be a beacon of hope and reconciliation in the face of division. As Jesus taught in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Grace and Peace,
Ruben Saenz, Jr.
Bishop, Horizon Texas Conference



Our Community of Faith

I hope this article finds you all in good health and high spirits. As we reflect on the election results, I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts and encourage our church.

Elections can evoke a wide range of emotions, and it is important for us to remember that regardless of the outcomes, we are called to love and support one another as a congregation. Each result presents us with opportunities to engage more deeply with our community and to strive for the values we hold dear.

Let us take this time to come together in prayer, seeking wisdom and guidance as we navigate the changes that lie ahead. I ask you to pray for elected officials, regardless of their political stance, and for the well-being of the country.

May we be reminded of our commitment to serve others and to be a light in our neighborhoods, regardless of political affiliations or views. I encourage everyone to engage in open and respectful conversations about the results and their implications. It is essential that we listen to one another and foster a spirit of unity and understanding. Let us be mindful that despite differing political opinions, we are all part of the same faith community here at St. Luke United Methodist Church. Our unity in Christ should be above political affiliations. As we enter the Thanksgiving season, let us encourage one another to engage in community service projects that reflect the values of love, compassion, and support for the marginalized, which can help to bridge divides and focus on shared missions. May we maintain a welcoming environment for all people, regardless of their political beliefs, and social stance on issues.

Thank you for being a church that reflects Christ's love and grace. I look forward to seeing how we can come together to support one another and our community in the coming days.

In Christian love and grace, Mel



Congratulations to Mary Ruth Ellis whose ticket was picked to win this year's Fall Fest quilt.

The quilt was made by Leslie Duncan, Randy Fox and Carol Negozio.



2024 Harvest Table

Join us for in-person worship each Sunday through this Thanksgiving season!

Thank you to Anna Allen, Carol Negozio and Amy West for designing our harvest table this year.



Advent Baskets for N.E.E.D.

This year we are collecting food items for families in need for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.

Collection Dates:

Thanksgiving:
November 10

Christmas:
November 17 & 24
December 1 & 8

We will need volunteers to help deliver the food to N.E.E.D.

To help deliver, contact Amy Bibb at 817/917-6136.

Food Items Needed:

Cornbread Mixes
Chicken Stock
Instant Potatoes
Jarred Gravy
Canned Green Beans
Canned Carrots
Canned Peas
Canned Corn
Canned Peaches
Fruit Cocktail
Canned Oranges

Canned Pineapple
Cranberry Sauce
Cake & Cookie Mixes
Canned Frosting
Pudding/Jello
Sugar/Flour
Cooking Oil
Spices
Salt & Pepper
Tea Bags



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 Nazareth 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; 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; Roy Hudson; Peggy Fallin; Ruby Lane's nephew, Buddy Hill; Dan Reynolds; Mary Steward; Roberta Reeves; Linda Schmidt; Mel & Susan's friend, Stephanie Montero with the loss of her husband; Jim Levine's sister; Mel & Susan's friend, Lisa Hart; Betty Turnage; Linda Savell; Ray Savell & family with the loss of his mother; Burt Moore

This Week's Concerns: Art Gordon; flooding in Spain; those affected by Hurricane Helene & Milton; the people of the Nazareth, Israel, Gaza & Lebanon; 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 eight in attendance. Our class decided to donate funds for Hurricane Relief. Prayer concerns: Joe Crawford and Tommie Martin's niece. The following will celebrate birthdays in November: Roxie Waters (11/2); Barbara Burnett (11/9); Wanda Calvert (11/9) and Beverly Bradford (11/9). Beverly's family held a birthday party for her friends and family to celebrate her 90th birthday. *Mary Ross*

GENESIS CLASS:

We will start our new lesson book, *The Case for Christ*, Sunday. Books are available through Amazon. Looks to be an interesting read and discussion maker. Keep Art in you prayers as they make more tests. Ladies Night Out is November 14.

Doughnuts:

11/10—Anita

11/17—Dayna

11/24—Open

Have a great week and see y'all Sunday.

Anita Bookout

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Blessings from the Upper Room Class. We had ten members in attendance last Sunday. Cindy Lasiter delivered our morning prayer thanking our Lord for hearing the cries of His people. Our joys: Virgil and Ann received a visit from their two granddaughters, and for our much needed rain. We are so thankful! Prayer concerns: Bruce, Byron, Larea, Ronnie, Maya, Gerry, Rose and Gary. Also, we pray for those members who are unable to attend Sunday School and church. We decided to send a shoebox to Samaritan's Purse, a donation to Samaritan's Purse and give to a needy family in the BISD community during the Christmas season. Thank you, Ann for the refreshments and the thoughtful devotion titled "Rest for the Weary" based on Matthew 11:28. We appreciate Ann doing double duty as president and teacher of our Bible lesson. Ann, you did a great job.

Resale Shop: \$352

Devotion/Refreshments: Jack and Lorna

Prayer Group: Wednesdays/9:30 a.m./Fellowship Hall

Lesson: John 13:18

Gloria Lechler



The church office will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 27-29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Children's Christmas Program

Join us Sunday, December 8 for our Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.



Come and help us decorate the church for the Christmas Season on Monday, November 25 at 10:00 am.



October 2024

Receipts: \$40,675



The next *E-Messenger* Newsletter will be published **November 20** and all submissions need to be in the church office by **November 18**. Thank you!



Wednesday Morning Prayer Group & Bible Study

November 13 & 20, 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.

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, November 10, 2024
25th 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, November 11, 2024
 No Activities

Tuesday, November 12, 2023
 No Activities

Wednesday, November 13, 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, November 14, 2024
 9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast—Bluebonnet Café

Friday, November 15, 2024
 10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, November 16, 2024
 10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, November 17, 2024
26th 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, November 18, 2024
 9:00 a.m. Newsletter Submission DEADLINE

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
 No Activities
Wednesday, November 20, 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, November 10, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance • October 23, 2024

Prayer Group—8
 Bible Study—17
 Youth Activities—5
 French Congregation Bible Study—10
 UMM Breakfast • October 10—7

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Sunday School—53
 In-Person Worship—58
 Online Worship—236
 French Congregation Sunday School—14
 French Worship Service—33

Weekly Attendance • October 30, 2024

Prayer Group—5
 Wednesday Bible Study—11
 Youth Activities—6
 French Congregation Bible Study—14
 UMM Breakfast • October 31—7

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Sunday School—53
 In-Person Worship—64
 Online Worship—305
 French Congregation Sunday School—12
 French Worship Service—34