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A Message from Rev. Todd Pick

Dear beautiful and beloved people of God,

I'm so excited to be with you here at St. Luke's! What a privilege to be appointed as your pastor and to serve alongside you here in Haltom City. I look forward to hearing your stories of how you've shared Christ with the community here for almost a century. You have quite a history and reputation in our Conference for being a church that loves big and serves neighbor!

As our time together begins, I already know how much that God has done here among you. Your testament of faithfulness speaks to willing hearts that have followed the Spirit's leading. Your story also speaks to the faithfulness of generations who have gifted us with a legacy of love for the Lord.

As we continue to witness to that unending, unfailing love of God we know in Christ Jesus, I hope that you will join me in praying for what God is calling us to do *next*. If faith is a journey we take together, then there is always the work of discerning our *next faithful step* as we look for new opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus, here and now.

Our mission has always been to make disciples. But did you know that back in May, our Council of Bishops provided a new, expanded statement of mission? As the United Methodist Church, our work is to: *"form disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."* I would love to hear how this resonates with you and your faith walk... what stands out to you? What challenges you? What can we do together to accomplish the task that has been set before us here at St. Luke's?

My office door is always open, and I hope you'll stop by to introduce yourself! I hope you'll also take a moment to add my cell phone number to your contacts—(914) 733-2946—so you can reach me if you have a pastoral need. And please feel free to call Susan in the church office if you would like to schedule a time for me to come and visit you. I would love that, too!

As this new chapter begins, I know that we have much to learn from one another. And I know you have gifts and graces beyond measure! I look forward to *loving boldly* with you here in this place. I look forward to *serving joyfully* with you in mission and ministry here. And I look forward

to answering the call to *lead courageously* here in Haltom City as God invites us to pursue new opportunities.

Again, I am thrilled to be here with you! May we continue to offer the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ here, now, together, always!

Blessings, Pastor Todd



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July 8, 2025

Companions in Christ,

Over the weekend, the Guadalupe region of Central Texas was struck by devastating floods—waters that rose swiftly, leaving behind broken homes and aching hearts. The pain is real and raw. We mourn with those who have lost loved ones, who now face uncertainty, and whose lives have been upended in the blink of an eye.

Yet, even as the floodwaters recede, the tide of our care and compassion must rise. In these moments of heartbreak, we are reminded that the Church is not a building—it is a people. A people who pray. A people who serve. A people who show up for one another, embodying the love of Christ when the world feels most fragile.

As United Methodists, our calling is clear: to respond with compassion, prayer and tangible action. The Horizon Texas Conference is working hand-in-hand with our siblings in the Rio Texas Conference to assess the full scope of the impact across our conferences. Together, we are discerning where our presence and resources are most needed today, and in the long journey ahead.

Rev. Jeremy Basset, our disaster response coordinator, is on the ground this week, walking alongside local partners and neighbors. Our Emergency Response Teams are trained and ready, prepared to step in as soon as local officials and conference partners request our presence.

When disaster strikes, the question is not "Will we respond?" But "How will we respond?"

Bishop's Saenz's letter is continued on the next page...

The most effective way to help at this moment is through financial contributions.

Please continue to lift up affected communities, families and first responders in your prayers. Pray for strength, for healing and for the courage to hope. As we walk alongside those who are grieving and rebuilding, may we be a source of light and a living testimony to the love that binds us together, even in the darkest valley.

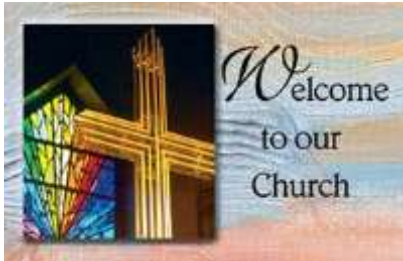
Let us be the Church, today and everyday.

Together in Faith, Hope and Love,

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.
Horizon Texas Conference
The United Methodist Church



If you would like to donate money to the Central Texas flood victims, mail your check, payable to St. Luke UMC or place it in the offering plate with "Central Texas Flood Victims" on the memo line and your generous gift will be sent to the Horizon Texas Conference and those funds will be disbursed as needed. If you have any questions, call Susan at the church office—817/838-6834.



Join us Sunday, July 13 for worship at 10:30 a.m. and then for a reception at 12:00 p.m. to welcome our new pastor, Todd Pick and his family to St. Luke United Methodist Church.

Linda Schmidt will be providing a light lunch.



**Financial Report:
Receipts for June 2025:
\$28,246**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Continued Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Anne Pharis; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Betty Holshouser; Barbara Jones; Charles & Pat Hooper; Byron Lechler; Melissa Lechler & her son, Lucas; Christin Osborn; Darren Isbell; Ed Baker; Sandra Mason; Bob Watkins & family; George & Karen Angle's daughter, Sarah & daughter-in-law, Kristine; Lydia Acosta & her husband; Peggy Fallin; Mary Steward; Anita McCullar; Doris Crocker; Bonnie Richards; Burt & Marylou Moore; Buddy & DeeDee Hill's grandsons, Milo & Levi; Betty Longeway; Roy & Joan Hudson's son, Richard; Marilyn Smith; Linda Smith; Ruby Lane's nephew, Dan Reynolds; Cathy & Art Gordon; Roberta Reeves; David & Kay Stapp

This Week's Concerns: Barbara Kimbrough & family with the loss of her daughter, Tarrie; Michael & Claudia Turner; those affected by the flooding in Central Texas; Barbara Provenzano with the loss of her sister, Lynn Hindeling; those affected by flooding; isolation & loneliness; gun violence each day in our country; the people of Ukraine & the world; prayers for our nation

Our Military: Ryan Kelly Hampton; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; 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 last Sunday and we enjoyed our lesson given by Beverly Bradley. We continue to keep Ruby Lane's nephew, Dan in our prayers. *Mary Ross*

GENESIS CLASS:

We doubled in size this holiday weekend. A big thank you to George Angle for his message last week while filling in during church services. LNO is this Thursday, July 10. Look for a text reminder. Cathy is in rehab and doing better. Keep these in your thoughts and prayers: Cathy and Art, the Kimbrough family, Michael Turner and all affected by the horrendous floods.

Doughnuts:

July 13—George & Karen Angle,

July 20—Amy West

July 27—Dayna Cox

Have a safe week, stay cool and we'll see you Sunday.

Anita Bookout

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Greetings to the Upper Rom Class. Attendance was seven for July 6. We missed those who were unable to attend. We thank Ann and Virgil Van Schuyver for the refreshments and the wonderful watermelon. We sang "He is Lord" with joy and gusto. Darryl Miller had a successful procedure at the hospital and is feeling much better. Also, we are happy for the cooler weather. However, we are concerned and praying for the families in Kerr County who have lost loved ones. We heard from Bill Whisenant who lives in that area and he is all right. The death toll as of this morning is 82 and some are still unaccounted for. Our class concerns are for Ronnie Pippen, Doris Crocker, Bonnie Richards, Mary Ruth, Melissa and Byron Lechler, Rose Mascari and Barbara Provenzano in the loss of her sister, Lynn. Thank you, Ann for the great devotion titled "Come One, Come All" taken from *Manna in the Morning* by Riley Pippen. Thanks to Virgil for leading our lesson on "Building Godly Friendships and Community."

July Birthdays:

Ann Van Schuyver— July 14; Debbie Chapman—July 28

Resale Shop: \$104

Devotion/Refreshments: Jack & Lorna Bostick

Lesson: "The Church as a Family: Serving and Growing Together" Romans 12:5; Galatians 6:2; Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Hebrews 10:24-25; Matthew 12:50; Colossians 3:12-14

Gloria Lechler



*Prayer Group
9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall*

*We invite you to join us
each week.*



*Article by Alvin Eclavea,
Youth Director*

Youth Fun at Alley Cats & Welcome to Pastor Todd!

What a fantastic time we had at our recent Youth Get-Together at Alley Cats! It was so much fun, and everyone who came had a blast. We're already hoping to plan another end-of-summer celebration in the next month or so, so stay tuned for details!

We also want to extend a very warm welcome to our new pastor, Todd Pick! We are all so excited for his appointment to St. Luke and can't wait to get to know him better and see all the wonderful things he'll bring to our church family.

Embracing Change in Sunday School:

In Sunday School, with Mel's departure, we've been looking at passages that help us embrace change and new beginnings. We've found great comfort and wisdom in verses like Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Just as figures like Elijah passed the mantle to Elisha, and Jesus empowered His disciples, these stories remind us that God calls us to continue His work and spread His message, even through transitions. It's an important lesson in faith and resilience for all of us.

**Our youth will meet
July 16 and July 23
this month.**



Ann Kiker

February 20, 1943—June 12, 2025

*Ann passed away June 12
and there was a graveside
service for her on June 20 at
Birdville Cemetery.*

Newsletter

The next *E-Messenger* Newsletter will be published **July 23** and all submissions need to be in the church office by **July 21**. Thank you!



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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.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE AT:
www.stlukeumchaltomcity.org

Faith & Fellowship



Sunday, July 13, 2025

5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Monday, July 14, 2025

No Church Activities

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

No Church Activities

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Activities
 6:00 p.m. French Bible Study

Thursday, July 17, 2025

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

Friday, July 18, 2025

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, July 19, 2025

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, July 20, 2025

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, July 21, 2025

9:00 Newsletter Submission DEADLINE

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

No Church Activities

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 6:00 p.m. French Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Activities
 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: SLUMC—Haltom City*

Sunday, July 13, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance • June 18

*Prayer Group—7
 Bible Study—15
 French Bible Study—9
 UMM Breakfast • June 19—7*

Sunday, June 22

*Sunday School—59
 In-Person Worship—147
 Online Worship—522*

Weekly Attendance • June 25

*Prayer Group—5
 Youth Activities—15
 French Bible Study—9
 UMM Breakfast • June 26—6*

Sunday, June 29

*Sunday School—44
 In-Person Worship—50
 Online Worship—417
 French Sunday School—6
 French Worship Service—21*

Weekly Attendance • July 2

*Prayer Group—6
 French Bible Study—9*

Sunday, July 6

*Sunday School—41
 In-Person Worship—42
 Online Worship—312
 French Sunday School—6
 French Worship Service—26*