



ST. LUKE NEWS

FEBRUARY & MARCH



Dear Church Family and Friends,

If you're like me, there are times when you've needed prayer more urgently than waiting till Sunday to ask for it. I am happy to announce that we are restarting the email chain for prayer requests and praise shoutouts!

As Pastor Janet recently reminded us in her sermon, we are stitched together, supporting one another and reflecting God's design. Yes, we are diverse, we are unique; but we are lovingly woven together, stitch by prayerful stitch.

So, please, if you need prayer or want to shout out a thankful hallelujah, let me know, and I will get the word out! You can email me (debbieyorston@gmail.com). Also feel free to call or text me at 512-967-4411.

Deb Yorston

St. Luke Prayer Ministry

DISCOVER

LENT

See yourself. See God.
See Others.

March 5, 2025
Ash Wednesday, 6:30

Wednesdays thru Lent
Potluck soup supper, 6:00
Family Lent Study, 6:30-7:30

Sundays through Lent
Sunday School, 10 am

*(April 13 - Palm Sunday; April 20 - Easter Sunday;
April 27 - Bright Sunday)*

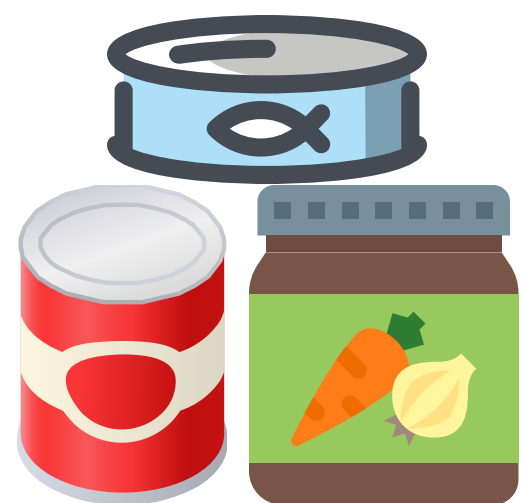
***See the "Upcoming Events" section to mark your calendars!**



PROJECT DIGNIDAD

An ecumenical ministry providing food and clothing to individuals and families in emergency situations since 1976

Pick up a heart in the narthex and buy the food listed.
Put it in the food box and Outreach Team will deliver!

Mosaic Campus Ministry

Mosaic meets on campus every Wednesday night during Spring and Fall semesters, led by Marshall Breedlove through our partnerships with Grace Church and Sierra Vista. They are running out of room in our Multipurpose Room for their activities so if you notice any rearrangements, bear with it! They are up and running

after having enjoyed an axe throwing night to kick it off in January. Please keep them in prayer!



PASTOR'S PEN

Here we are—2025 is in full swing, and spring is just around the corner. The past season at St. Luke has been filled with life: the beauty of the Christmas Cantata, the delight of preschool pageants, the richness of Bible study and fellowship. These moments weren't just events on the calendar; they set the rhythm for the year ahead—a rhythm of **joy and expectation**.

Joy and expectation. These aren't just fleeting emotions; they are part of the life God calls us to. "The **joy of the Lord is your strength**" (Nehemiah 8:10), and hope in God's movement keeps our faith alive. And here's the thing—when God moves, we're not meant to stand still. We're invited to step in, to move with Him, to follow His lead. It's not just a call to action—it's an invitation to dance.

And this dance? It's not about perfection; it's about participation. It's the **eternal dance of victory**—the movement of love, faith, and service. This February, our sign out front reminds us: **We are God's beloved**. That love sustains us. Yes, hard times come, but joy rises anyway because **God makes it so**. And when we step into that love, we step into a life that moves both inward and outward—drawing us closer to God while sending us out to serve.

So, beloveds, as you read this newsletter, reflect on the rhythm of our life together. Give thanks for this community. And above all—**make sure you're in the dance**.

Onward!
Pastor Janet

Faith Formation & Fellowship

Our newly formed Faith Formation & Fellowship team met in early January to consider ways to strengthen the ministry of St. Luke to one another and to the wider community. Small group opportunities are important and so look forward to Sunday School and a Wednesday night study during Lent this year. Also, the group talked about service opportunities out in community, together, and would like to do one each month, probably on a Saturday. The great thing is, it's up to you! If you have a community project in mind, know an event we can help with, or any other way we can be of service, let's do it! Talk to Matt Groth, Beth Gummere or Phil Gummere to plug in!

- Ash Wednesday, March 3, 2025 @6:30pm
- Sunday School starting March 9: A Lenten emphasis hosted by Rev. Leigh Lloyd
- Wednesday Lent Gatherings: simple soup dinner at 6, family lent devotional/activities/study from 6:30 to 7:30. Hosted by Pastor Janet
- Ramp It Up! Our first service outing will be to work with Texas Ramp Ministries to build a ramp. Kelly Squyres will lead us and provide everything we need. Saturday, March 15.

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St.Luke Budget Acct.

February 4, 2025

INCOME:

Pledged Giving: \$11,520.00

Unpledged Giving: \$6,916.31

Miscellaneous Giving: \$0.00

Total Income: \$18,436.31

EXPENSES:

Administrative Expenses: \$1,749.94

Building and Grounds: \$6,639.67

Staff Salaries: \$5,264.74

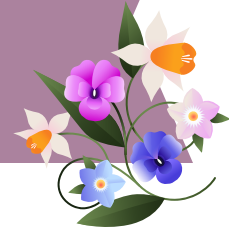
Programs: \$0

Apportionments, Outreach, etc.: \$249.10

Total Expenses: \$13,903.45



February & March Birthday



February Birthdays

Bill Gatlin - 18th

Sylvia Zap - 23rd

March Birthdays

CheyAnn Turner - 3rd

Liz Gore - 4th

Tana Vogel - 14th

Linda Curtis - 15th

Betty Duke - 18th

Deborah Weatherford - 19th

Taran Turner - 20th

Geri Gatlin - 22nd

Kevin Vogel - 22nd

Lauryn Pitcock - 23rd

Judy Loyd - 24th

John Groth - 24th

Susan Short - 24th

Vicki Williams - 24th

Cathy Talley - 25th

John Graham - 26th

Jeremy Williams - 26th

Alexis Pitcock - 30th

*We are updating our list, if you want to be included or you know of someone who is no longer at the church, call the church office.(325)949-1545



ST. LUKE

Child Development Center

UPCOMING EVENTS!

February 10th- Moms and Muffins- Moms of St. Luke Students join them for muffins before school.

February 10th- Open Enrollment- Enrolling new students

February 17th- Presidents Day- No School

February 24th- Grandparents and Granola- Grandparents of St. Luke students join their grandchildren before school for yogurt parfaits.

March 3rd-6th- Read Across America Week- Volunteers can come read to the students in their classroom or our library. Please call the school office at 325-949-8311 to schedule a time and date that week.

March 10th- PTO Spring Fundraiser begins

March 17th-21st - Spring Break

Chapel Time



CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER

Read Across America: if you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact the school office.

CCDC Director- Mary Cook:
stlukeccdc@gmail.com
Phone: (325)-949-8311

CCDC Assistant Director:
Renee Taylor



Effort to reimagine Discipline moves forward

By Heather Hahn Feb. 3, 2025 | ATLANTA (UM News)



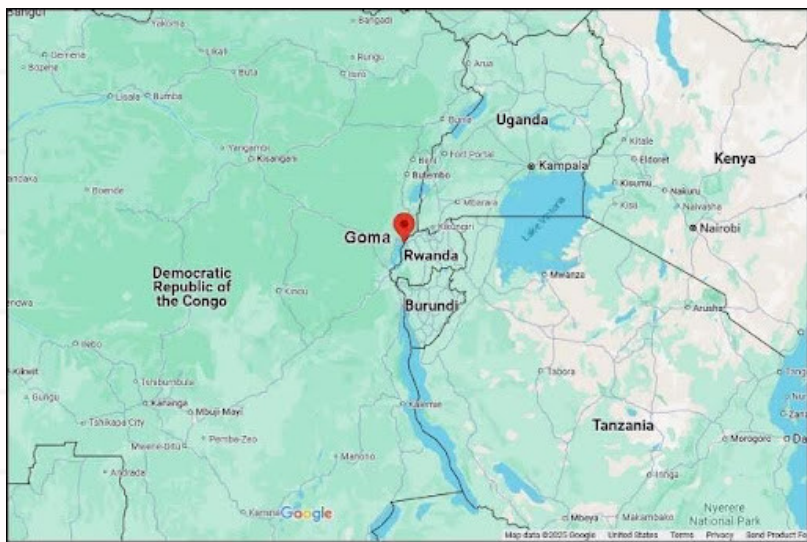
The Rev. Nelly W. Wright of Liberia addresses fellow members of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters about work to determine what in the administrative section of the Book of Discipline applies to the whole United Methodist Church and what can be adaptable. Photo by Heather Hahn, UM News.

Key points:

- United Methodist leaders are evaluating what portions of the Book of Discipline apply worldwide and what can be adapted in the church's different geographic regions.
- At this point, the central conferences in Africa, Europe and the Philippines have the authority to adapt parts of the Discipline to their missional context.
- A constitutional-amendment package, called regionalization, would extend the same authority to the U.S.
- The work on the Discipline overhaul is not dependent on regionalization. But if regionalization is not ratified, what is deemed adaptable will still apply to the U.S. church.

Read the full article here: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/effort-to-reimagine-discipline-moves-forward>

United Methodists killed in Congo conflict



By Chadrack Tambwe Londe and Philippe Kituka Lolonga Jan. 30, 2025 | GOMA, Congo (UM News)
At least 100 people, including eight United Methodists, have been killed in fighting in Goma, Congo, between the Congolese armed forces and the Rwandan-backed M23 rebels. The security situation has continued to deteriorate since the M23's major offensive on Jan. 23. Image courtesy of Google Maps.

Key points:

- At least 100 people, including eight United Methodists, were killed in fighting in Goma in eastern Congo.
- Since Jan. 23, the provincial capital of North Kivu has been the scene of violent clashes between the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Rwandan-backed M23 rebels.
- Bishop Gabriel Yemba Unda of the East Congo Episcopal Area encouraged church members not to lose hope and to stay at home during this difficult period.

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Office Hours & Contact Information



(325)949-1545



**Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm**