



# ST. LUKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**EPISTLE**

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our annual pancake supper will take place on Tuesday, March 4 from 5:30-6:30pm. Come by when you can for **Bob Hansen's** delicious, homemade pancakes with all of the fixings! Donations will be accepted, on behalf of the Mission Committee, to help fund a meal for the Hope and Healing Place later this spring.



**Confirmation Class!**  
**Pastor Bill** and the **Christian Education Committee** invite you to join our confirmation classes. Interested? Please reach out to **Pastor Bill** or a member of the **CE Committee** for more information.

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# Happy Birthday



*If your birthday is not listed or if there is an error, please call the church office.*

Do you have a birthday coming up? The Endowment Committee encourages you to celebrate your birthday and the church together by donating the amount of your age. Your gift is added to St. Luke's Perpetual Endowment Fund to continue the mission of the church in years to come.

# JOIN US

## Men's Breakfast

The monthly men's breakfast will take place at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, at Hud's, 4411 Bell. All men of St. Luke and AUMC are invited to attend.

## Young at Heart-

All are welcome on Wednesday, March 19 at noon for some fellowship, lunch if you choose to bring it, and this month's speaker! **Kari Bachman** with Amarillo Parks and Rec's Warford Activity Center will be coming to tell us about the many programs the center offers. We hope to see you there!

**St. Luke Women** will meet Wednesday, March 12 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. **Priscilla Sheets** will provide refreshments and **Sallie Amason** will give our devotional. The group will discuss lessons No. 6, Climate Change, and No. 7, Economic Climate Justice. Come join in the fun & fellowship!



For our Lenten Study this year, we will be discussing the book, "Forgiveness...A Lenten Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson. **Kendra Jones, Kary Wingo and Cruse Messer** will be class facilitators. The class will begin Sunday, March 9 at 9:45 in the adult classroom. You may purchase the book from Amazon or Westminster John Knox Press. ALL are welcome to attend. The class will conclude on Palm Sunday, April 13. There will be no adult Sunday School class on Easter.



## 2025 Standing Committees

Christian Education, Kaci Jones  
Congregational Care, Priscilla Sheets  
Fellowship, Paige Hadley, Mary McCracken  
Stewardship, Ross Clopton, Julie Johnson  
Mission/Outreach, Kary Wingo, Sam Burnett  
Property, Helen Thorsheim  
Endowment, Bob Hansen, Tim Sougstad  
Scholarship, Tim Sougstad  
Worship, Bob Hansen, Barbara Taylor

Please join us for an evening of celebration honoring **Dr. Robert Hansen**, recognizing his significant contributions and the establishment of the Dr. Robert Hansen Scholarship Endowment for the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities School of Music.

**Friday, April 4 at 6:30 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, Legacy Hall, WTAMU campus**  
Table & ticket sales forthcoming





### Clerk's Report

1. January 2025 average attendance for worship – 63
2. Active membership as January 31, 2025 – 150
3. Communion celebrated January 5, 2025
4. The session has voted to reduce the number of elders to three classes of 3 elders beginning with the class of 2028. Current classes will be reduced over three years as they rotate off. No elders will be asked to resign.

### Commendations.

- A. Stacy Clopton for teacher gifts to Mesa Verde for February.
- B. To all who brought food to share for the Congregational Meeting and Lunch and to Linda Peirce for making delicious soup.
- C. Barbara Taylor for acolyte training.
- D. Phillip Periman for his relentless pursuit of Rev. Jones and convincing her to speak in Amarillo, Texas for the seminar. Phillip also provided transportation for Rev. Jones.
- E. Stacy Clopton for creating the seminar advertising pieces and getting them out in such a timely manner. We also want to thank all the committee members that took the time to deliver the information to the various churches and organizations in Amarillo.
- F. Ross and Donna Clopton for hosting the seminar dinner on Saturday night.
- G. Bob Hansen for taking care of seminar lunch on Saturday.
- H. Cathy Coberly for providing donuts for Saturday morning seminar.
- I. Kary Wingo for making hotel reservations and getting books from Burrowing Owl for purchase by the attendees of the seminar.
- J. Kendra Jones for helping set up for the seminar on Friday, including providing name tags and markers, providing snacks on Friday evening, and helping clean up on Saturday evening to make the Fellowship Hall ready for Sunday morning.
- K. Bill Cotman for getting the bulletin for Sunday prepared and acting as liturgist at the worship service Sunday morning.
- L. Everyone that attended one or more of the seminar sessions as well as the Service on Sunday.

### Thirtieth Annual "Bach's" Lunch Series

The beloved "Bach's" Lunch series returns for its 30th year! Join us for Lenten reflections and captivating organ music. Bring a "box" lunch and enjoy these special recitals held on Fridays during Lent at various churches in Amarillo and Canyon. Recitals start at 12:05 p.m., with tea and coffee provided by the host church. You'll be back at work by 1 p.m.! Sponsored by the Amarillo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. I hope this works for you!

#### March 7, 2025

St. Thomas Catholic Church, Amarillo

#### March 14, 2025

First Christian Church, Amarillo

#### March 21, 2025

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Canyon

#### March 28, 2025

Westminster Presbyterian Church

#### April 4, 2025

West Texas A&M University, Canyon Mary Moody Northen Hall

#### April 11, 2025

First Baptist Church, Amarillo

*Old Testament: What God is looking for in men and women is quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously; take God seriously. Micah 6:8 (MSA)*  
*New Testament: You will do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious: the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies. Philippians 4:8-9 (MSA)*

March 2025

Friends in Christ,

As Americans these days, we find ourselves in a place in time where there is much chaos, confusion, division, and uncertainty. As Christians, we find ourselves needing the steady hand of God in our lives – to guide us and inspire us to reach out to others. Despite uncertainty, or maybe because of it, our faith compels us to explore creative ways to stay focused on the work Jesus Christ calls each of us to do.

Our congregations and guests were recently blessed to be able to hear some words of wisdom from Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, who led a deep and insightful seminar in February. We are thankful for her witness, and for all the saints whose work helped to make this particularly interesting and beneficial seminar take place in Amarillo.

In her recent book “Call It Grace”, on page 196, Serene references a prayer by African American theologian, and contemporary of Mahatma Ghandi, Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman. I invite you to consider his words as a touchstone for these times:

***I purpose in my heart that I shall not use my memory to store up those things which fester, poison and destroy my living, my life, or the living and the life of others. I shall make it my study to preserve my soul in balance and liberty. I will use my memory to store up the excellent things of my experience.***

The time is now, and the place is here, where you and I are planted, to sow seeds of kindness, mercy, and God's love. You are each uniquely equipped for this task, by the grace of Jesus Christ, the fortitude of the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's Service,

Bill



## Mission/Outreach News

Mission/Outreach will be hosting a meal for the teachers and staff at **Mesa Verde Elementary** on Monday, March 17th, upon their return from spring break. If you would like to help, please let **Stacy Clopton** know. Laundry Love will be on Saturday, March 15th. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for volunteering to help! If your group would like to volunteer, please let **Kary Wingo** know.


## Farkle Fun

“But I don’t gamble.” Neither do we; we use dice as a way to have conversations with our friends, old and new. FARKLE gametime at St. Luke is held on the **last Tuesday afternoon every month**. Join us at 2:00p.m. for fellowship.



Dear **St. Luke**,

I wish to thank all of you for your prayers, calls, cards, visits, meals, and offers of transportation during my recent hospitalization, stay in rehab in Austin, and recuperation. What a caring and supportive church family I have and I appreciate you all so much!

With love,   
**Nan Kemp**

## Post Scripts



- The Take One, Leave One Little Library bookcase has been relocated to the Fellowship Hall by the Prayer Shawl bookcase. Please stop by & check it out.
- **Cailyn Wright** represented River Road Middle School in the Potter County spelling bee. She came in 16th out of 53 kids. The principal said that was the best River Road has done in years. We are very proud of her
- Thank you to **Dave Kemp** for the donation to the Girl Scouts Women of Distinction Banquet in St. Luke’s name!



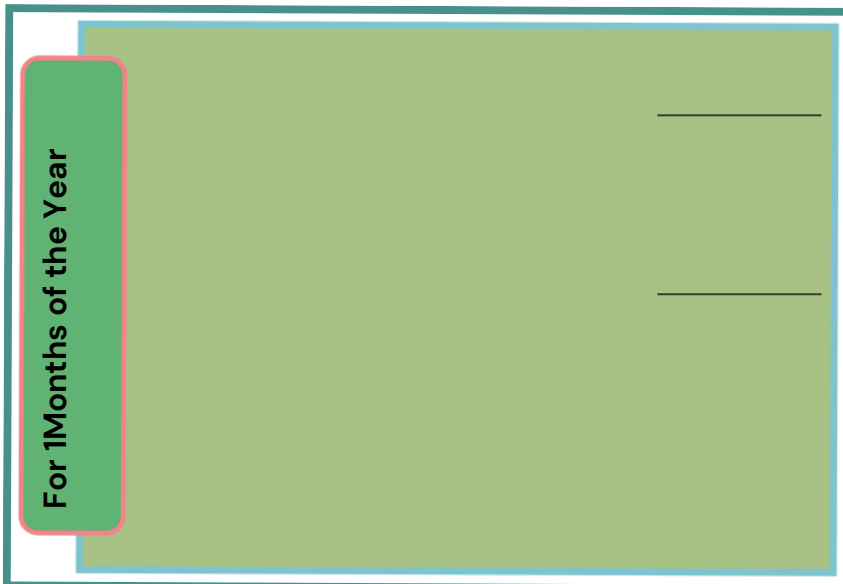
Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Ross Clopton	Paige Hadley	Sam Burnett
Robert Hansen	Priscilla Sheets	Julie Johnson
Barbara Taylor	Tim Sougstad	Kaci Jones
Kary Wingo	Helen Thorsheim	Mary McCracken



## THANK YOU

*for your faithful giving!*

*Detailed financial reports are always available for review by church members. Stop by the church office during regular hours and request to examine the previous month’s financial documents.*



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Adult Sunday School  Communion	5 10 & 11 am Piano Class  4 pm Cong. Care 5:30 pm Mission	4 10 am Exercise Group  5:30 pm Property  5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5 8:30 am Yoga Group  6 pm Joint Ash Wednesday S Service	6 10 am Exercise Group  2 pm Threads of Love	7	8
9 Adult Sunday School  5 pm Meditation Service	10 10 & 11 am Piano Class  12 pm Stewardship 5:30 pm Christian Ed.	11 7 am Men's Breakfast 10 am Exercise Group 5:45 pm Worship 6 pm Fellowship	12 9:30 am St. Luke Women	15 10 am Exercise Group  2 pm Threads of Love	14	15 8-10 am Landry Love
16 Adult Sunday School	17 10 & 11 am Piano Class  Mesa Verde Luncheon	18 10 am Exercise Group  <i>Epistle deadline</i>	19 8:30 am Yoga Group  12 pm Young at Heart	20 10 am Exercise Group  11:30-1 pm Girl Scout Luncheon at Botanical Gardens  2 pm Threads of Love	21	22
25 Adult Sunday School  4 pm Session	24 10 & 11 am Piano Class	25 10 am Exercise Group  2 pm Farkle Game afternoon	26 8:30 am Yoga Group	27 10 am Exercise Group  2 pm Threads of Love	28	29
30 Adult Sunday School	31 10 & 11 am Piano Class	 <p>EACH SUNDAY            9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship            9:45 Adult Bible Study Classroom A            10:15 am Choir Rehearsal unless otherwise stated            11 am In-Person Worship and service will stream Live on YouTube</p>				