

St. Luke Presbyterian Church *Epistle*

Thank you to workday participants

A big “Thank you!” goes to the diligent people who turned up at the workday on Saturday, May 4th, to clean and refresh our spaces, both inside and out. **Ridge McNeir** and **Drew Peacock** from AUMC joined **Roger Castleberry**, **Linda Peirce** and her son **David**, **Ross Clopton** and **Mary McCracken** to help Property Committee members **Eldon Wingo**, **Wesley Wingo**, **Doug Tanner**, **Bob McCracken**, **Tim Lacey**, and **Helen Thorsheim**. Lots of weeds were pulled, chairs cleaned, paint dings fixed up, and bushes and trees trimmed. In addition, the diseased rose bushes were pulled up, thanks to Kyle’s winch, and a dead tree was cut down. Many thanks to the people who did awesome work spiffing up our church home. **Helen Thorsheim**.



Join Us!

On **June 2nd**, we will be joining AUMC for a **10:30 a.m. outdoor worship service** (note the time of worship, please) followed by a picnic lunch (provided by AUMC) and games. All we need to bring are lawn chairs and our friendly selves!

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

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The following are additions to the St. Luke Library.
Happy summer reading! **Doug Tanner**

- Assmann, Jan (Robert Savage, translator). The Invention of Religion: Faith and Covenant in the Book of Exodus (2018). Gift of Doug Tanner
- Chittister, Joan. Welcome to the Wisdom of the World and Its Meaning for You (2007). Gift of Rita Wynn
- Ehrman, Bart D. The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings (2004). Gift of Rita Wynn
- Good, Jack. The Dishonest Church (2000). Gift of Rita Wynn
- Lucado, Max. When God Whispers Your Name (1994). Gift of Rita Wynn
- Mattis Namgyel, Elizabeth. The Logic of Faith: A Buddhist Approach to Finding Certainty Beyond Belief and Doubt (2018). Gift of Doug Tanner
- McLaren, Brian D. A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith (2010). Gift of Rita Wynn
- Rohr, Richard. Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self (2013). Gift of Rita Wynn
- Shulevitz, Uri. Chance: Escape from the Holocaust (2020). Gift of Helen Thorsheim
- Stemp, Richard. The Secret Language of Churches & Cathedrals: Decoding the Sacred Symbolism of Christianity's Holy Buildings

St. Luke Scholarship Time

It's time to apply for the St. Luke Scholarship. The deadline is July 1st, so move quickly please. Recipients must be St. Luke members and priority will be given to members who are full-time undergraduates taking at least 12 hours or high school seniors accepted as an undergraduate student. Members of St. Luke attending a Presbyterian seminary or taking classes to become a commissioned lay pastor may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Forms and instructions are available from outside the church office and can be emailed.

Contact **Jennifer Denham** with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

PRIDE events

June 2, 2024, Noon - 5 p.m., Rainbow Pridefest sponsored by AATAG, Memorial Park, decades theme.

June 29, 2024, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. PRIDE on the Plains sponsored by Smile Big, Starlight Ranch. Panhandle PRIDE will have a two-day event in October.

Stacy Clopton will meet with OAC to arrange for a PRIDE worship and brunch in the middle of June. Please contact one of the Outreach Committee members if you would like to volunteer to help with the OAC booth.

LOGOS schedule

- ★ GAP Game Night: Wednesday, June 26, 6 p.m. at St. Luke
- ★ LOGOS Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 5:30 p.m.
- ★ Wednesday Night Live: The Amazing Race Edition - Wednesday, July 24, 6 p.m. at St. Luke

GAP

The Growing Adult Presbyterian (GAP) group will be having a game night on Wednesday, June 26th, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner and any games you might like to play! We hope to have childcare available in the nursery while we play games so be on the lookout for any additional communication. Everyone is also invited to join the Wednesday Night Live: Amazing Race Edition on July 24!

Wednesday Night Live

Everyone is invited to Wednesday Night Live: The Amazing Race Edition! This event will be hosted by the St. Luke and AUMC WNL teams on Wednesday, July 24th, at 6 p.m. We will have a bite to eat and a quick rules/instructions session before embarking on a race around the church! We will arrange into small teams where each will have the chance to compete in multiple challenges, making their way throughout the church before reaching the finish line. Be ready for lots of laughter and competition - we hope to see you all there!

SESSION REPORT: The Session met on May 19th. Below is a short summary:

Statistics:

- ⇒ April average attendance for worship--57
- ⇒ Active membership as of April 30, 2024--146
- ⇒ Communion celebrated May 4 with **Dave Kemp** presiding

Commendations:

- ⇒ Thank you to Outreach Committee for helping with Laundry Love in April
- ⇒ Thank you to those who helped with Teacher Appreciation Week at Mesa Verde
- ⇒ **Helen Thorsheim** and all her efforts to help with social media
- ⇒ **Kaci Jones** for offering & agreeing to continue to serve as bookkeeper
- ⇒ **Kaci & Helen** for continuing to do the office tasks
- ⇒ **Tim Lacey** for his faithful leadership of this committee and in so many other ways
- ⇒ **Kendra Jones** for serving as clerk for May session meeting
- ⇒ **Helen Thorsheim** for updating church records, assembling the directory & emailing to all members
- ⇒ Thank you to the Software Task Force—**Kary Wingo, Kaci, Stacy Clopton, Darcy Hargis & Helen**
- ⇒ Thank you to all volunteers who have assisted in the office
- ⇒ Thank you to Rev. **Janell Blair** for moderating our session for the past several months.



Holiday Observed
Church offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

BIRTHDAYS

June  **July**

1 • Maddie	1 • Sara Gibson
3 • Donald Croft	2 • David Hoy
4 • Louise George	7 • Kaden Ledger
4 • Sarah Kangerga*	12 • Becca Mady
7 • JoAnn Jolley	12 • Kary Wingo
8 • Ruth Hudson	21 • Sallie Amason
10 • Gary Stone	30 • Jonathon
16 • Robert Hansen	30 • Janet Stone
16 • Christian Bryan	31 • Delma Wingo
18 • Dannette Baker	*Friend of St. Luke
21 • Sam Burnett	
23 • Elizabeth Wagner*	
26 • Lilly Smith	
30 • Celinda Ledger	

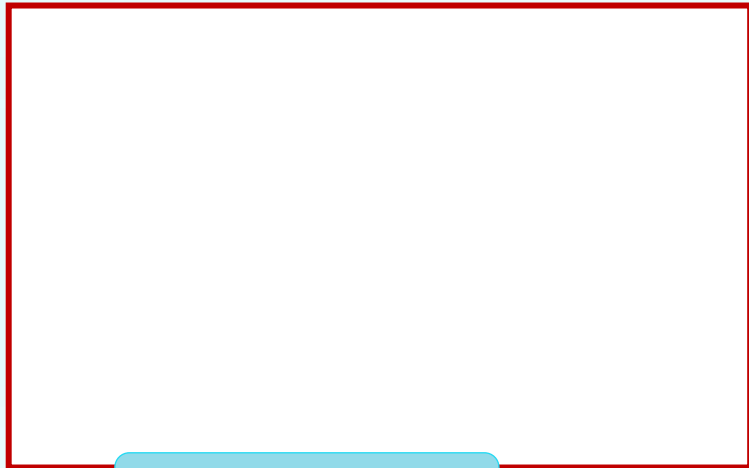
If your birthday is not listed or if there is an error, please call the church office.

Plan Ahead for Summer Giving

Summer is a busy time that often takes us out of town, but just as you can watch sermons while you are away, you can continue your giving even when you can't be physically present! If you haven't already done so, setting up bill pay with your bank or giving online are convenient ways to make sure you don't miss a beat.

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.



YEAR-TO-DATE

Epistles

Dear St. Luke Family,

Tim and I would like to share with you that we will be retiring and leaving Amarillo June 23. We have attended St. Luke for close to 25 years and are sad that we will be leaving, but also excited about starting a new adventure. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve St. Luke in various roles through the years. We will miss each and every one of you very much. Thank you all for being such a blessing to our family. P.S. We will be passing through Amarillo from time to time and will make it a point to visit on Sunday. Blessings and love always,
Tim & Kim Lacey

Dear St. Luke friends,

So many of you have been faithfully and earnestly praying for my granddaughter, **Hillary Carrington**, and her baby **Wyatt**, that I want to share with you some good news. Hillary has been attending to Wyatt's therapy at home, 24/7, and he now has sight in one eye, recognizes and responds to his mom's voice, as well as those of brothers **Javier** and **Milo** and has limited mobility in all four limbs. This is so much more than we could have hoped for from the first diagnosis. We are grateful to God and to all of you for your love and unwavering support. God, indeed, is good!
Sincerely, **Ann Hefner**

Thank you

Thank you to all who contributed to and attended the Spring Celebration Tea on May 12. We also appreciate the Congregational Care and Fellowship committees for putting it all together.

Melissa and Donald Croft celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on May 25th. Congratulations!

Social media stats

Post reach was 544 this past month with 233 engagements in our posts and 2 new followers. Most posts get between 50 or more post reaches and under 15 engagements, although April 7 got 121 engagements. We encourage everyone to "check-in" to church and events since this helps boost our reach. The Mother's Day service received 186 post reaches and 12 engagements and when our guest pastor from PDA spoke, we had 188 post reaches and 26 engagements. **Jennifer Denham**

Help Us Celebrate the Laceys



CELEBRATE WITH US!
SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH, immediately following
the 11:00 worship service!

Please join us on Sunday, June 9th, immediately following the 11:00 worship service for a reception honoring **Tim and Kim Lacey**. We are sad to see them move to Des Moines, but truly wish them well on their next adventure! This will be our chance to give them a big St. Luke send-off with lots of hugs and just a few tears. **Kary Wing**

ELDERS

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Jennifer Denham	Ross Clopton	Paige Hadley
Kendra Jones	Robert Hansen	Priscilla Sheets
Tim Lacey	Barbara Taylor	

Young at Heart News

After a quick change of plans, May's Young at Heart speaker was **Jennifer Drone**, president of H.A.R.T. This new nonprofit in Amarillo focuses on the support of homeless at-risk teens. Jennifer shared her own moving testimony and her passion for providing a safe space for teens. H.A.R.T. is working towards having a long-term home to house 3 teens, as well as renovating a building downtown to act as both a community center and place for teens to stay long-term. We offered our support and Jennifer will be providing us with the details for their next fundraiser and open house for anyone who would like to participate. It was a blessing to hear Jennifer's plans and we look forward to the impact she can make in this community.

Y@H will be taking a summer break by not meeting in June or July. We hope you have enjoyed and learned from the various speakers we've presented in the last few months. We will pick back up in early fall!

Men's breakfast

The men of the church will meet for breakfast at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11th. The location is Hud's, 4411 Bell (east side of the street). **Ross Clopton** has been 'volunteered' to deliver the devotional. They will also meet on July 9th at 7a.m. Join them for coffee, breakfast burritos, and fellowship.

Help with meals needed

We all have those difficult times in life—surgeries, illness, death or even birth—when we could use a little help with meals. We're compiling a list of church members who would be willing to provide a meal to another member in their time of need. This can be some soup, salad, or a casserole whether it is homemade or picked up in a trip to United. If that person is you, please contact **Priscilla Sheets** or the church office. Thanks for your willingness to help!

PW to resume in September

Presbyterian Women are taking the summer off. The study in the fall will be Horizons' "Let Justice Roll Down." Let the church office know if you'll need a study guide. The members of PW wish to thank **Kendra Jones** for yet another year moderating this group and acting as 'cat herder'.

Joys & Concerns

- ★ **Gary Stone** had a pacemaker installed on May 8th and has been seen at church services consistently since then. Obviously, he's recuperating well!
- ★ **Sallie Amason** is home from the hospital and is recovering.
- ★ **Krista Berry** and her parents, **Paul and Kathy** appreciate all our prayers as they go through a difficult time.
- ★ **Suzi Tracey**, who had hip surgery on May 21st. The surgery was a success, but she had to have subsequent blood transfusions. She appreciates St. Luke's continued prayers and support.
- ★ Family of **Janet Watts**, friend of **Sharron Fitzner**, who passed away after a battle with cancer.
- ★ Students and teachers as they finish another school year. May the joy of learning stay with them.

Want to hear some live jazz?

Travis Kemp encourages all of you to attend The **Jim Laughlin** June Jazz Series every Tuesday night in June. The concerts begin at 7:30 on the porch of the Experimental Theater on Amarillo College's Washington Street Campus (on the south side of the music building). It's a free event, there is plenty of parking and shade, and it's very informal - just bring your lawn chair. Drinks and food permitted. Now, if you're not able to come to the concerts, they will be broadcast live on 89.9, KACV-FM.

Stay Jazzy Amarillo!



New office Staff

The Personnel Committee is happy to announce that St. Luke has a new secretary, **Brittany Forney**. She started May 20th. For the summer, the office hours will be 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. M-F (staffed by volunteers) and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. M-F (staffed by Brittany with **Helen Thorsheim**'s help until she is on her feet). **Kaci Jones** continues doing the financial tasks for the time being. We look forward to a long association with Brittany and thank our volunteers for their tireless service.

Meet Brittany

Brittany is a mom to twin boys and married to Chad. She enjoys spending time with her family and talking walks with her dog. She also enjoys cooking and learning new things over a variety of topics.



Partners in Education

It's hard to believe, but St. Luke has been partnering with Mesa Verde Elementary School for over 10 years! There are approximately 65 teachers, administrators, and support staff who currently serve Grades K-5, teaching students who speak over 40 different languages. The joy and love these adults share with the children at Mesa Verde are absolutely amazing. There is a large refugee population attending the school, and most parents work shift work for their families, leaving little time to support the teachers and staff with what other schools in Amarillo call a Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This is where St. Luke has stepped in. Over the years we have helped with supplies such as hand sanitizer and tissues, helped host end-of-year parties for the fifth graders, covered a class so teachers can leave campus for lunch, served food during the yearly Thanksgiving meal when families are invited to attend, made thousands of copies in the office, and hosted meals and gifts of encouragement for the teachers and staff throughout the year, just to name a few activities.

Before we begin the 2024-2025 school year, the Mission Committee would like to hold a Friends of Mesa Verde meeting on Wednesday, July 17th, at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Anyone who has helped in the past or would like to become involved is invited to attend. We will be planning ways we can show our love and support to this very special school. Hope to see you then!

Congratulations

Our own **Bob Hansen**, Regents professor of music and former director of the School of Music at WTAMU is retiring after 37 years. WT President Wandler singled Bob out at the university's graduation ceremonies to praise and thank him for his service. Bob has been music director at St. Luke for as many years and we appreciate him, too, although we're not letting him retire.

Congratulations also to **Bob** and **Lee Persefield** on their marriage on May 26th in a private ceremony officiated by our own **Stacy Clopton**. We are very happy for them!



Thank you to Aubrey and Barbara Taylor for cleaning the fellowship chairs that weren't cleaned on our recent work day.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p>EACH SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 am Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>11:00 am In-Person Worship and Service will stream Live on Facebook</p>						1
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<p>10:30 Worship in the park w/ AUMC followed by cookout</p> <p>12-5 Rainbow Pride Fest</p>	<p>10:00 & 11:00 am Adult Piano class</p>	<p>10:00 am Exercise Group</p>		<p>10:00 am Exercise Group</p> <p>4:00 pm Threads of Love</p>		

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>Communion</p> <p>Reception for the Laceys after Worship</p> <p>Meditation 5:00 pm</p>	<p>10:00 & 11:00 am Adult Piano class</p> <p>Outreach as needed</p>	<p>7:00 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am Exercise Group</p> <p>5:45 pm Worship Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>12:00 pm Finance Cmte</p> <p>6:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>10:00 am Exercise Group</p> <p>4:00 pm Threads of Love</p>		<p>8:00 - 10:00 am Laundry Love @ 10th St. Laundry</p>

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Father's Day</p> <p>Bell Choir practice before Worship</p> <p>4:00 pm session</p>	<p>10:00 & 11:00 am Adult Piano class</p>	<p>10:00 am Exercise Group</p>	<p>8:30 NO Yoga</p>	<p>10:00 am Exercise Group</p> <p>4:00 pm Threads of Love</p>		

23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>10:00 & 11:00 am Adult Piano class</p>	<p>10:00 am Exercise Group</p>	<p>6:00 pm GAP Game Night</p>	<p>10:00 am Exercise Group</p> <p>4:00 pm Threads of Love</p>		<p>9:00 am-6:00 pm Pride on the Plains</p>
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