

Announcements

Upcoming Events

- **March 24** – Noon Day Lenten Service with lunch following the service
- **March 25** – 6:00 PM Bible Study at Town Village Audubon Park
- **March 29** – 10:30 AM Palm Sunday “Voices of the Passion” presentation
- **April 3** – 6:00 PM Holy Week Service-Maundy Thursday with Tenebrae
- **April 5** – Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service in the Courtyard– 7:30 AM
Easter Worship in the Sanctuary – 10:30 AM

There will be no Children’s Church during Worship on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

The Food Pantry is in need of tuna and peanut butter.

St. Luke’s Easter Clothing Drive: March 1–28. Spring clothing (children ages 3–11) accepted in Hospitality Hall. To donate online, please note: Sherwood Easter Clothing or place in the offering plate. Contact: mtkaler1111@gmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 28, 11 AM–12 PM. Crafts/games 11–11:30, egg hunts at 11:30 (by age group). Candy/Little Debbie cake donations can be dropped off at the front desk. Contact Mary Page for info or to volunteer: Marypage.contreras@stlukesumc.org

Rome VBS: June 1–4, 5:30–7:30 PM (for children Pre-K4 through 5th grade). Registration opens Monday, April 6. Adult and Youth volunteers needed—contact Lynne McAlexander (901-550-3091).

Adult volunteer meeting TODAY following worship in the Lounge.

Prayer Requests

David Hensley, Dr. Jimmy Padgett (Hospice), Kirk Smith, Bright Oware, Jamille Laughlin, Susan Ryan, Jordan Northcross (Hospice), Charlotte Roberts (April Carpenter’s friend), Warren Morrison, Kelly Swan, Sarah Shepherd (Bev’s daughter), Nellie Mathis (Mac’s wife) and Miriam Hall (granddaughter of Jim and Jeanne Debo).

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office at 452-6262

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

February 2026

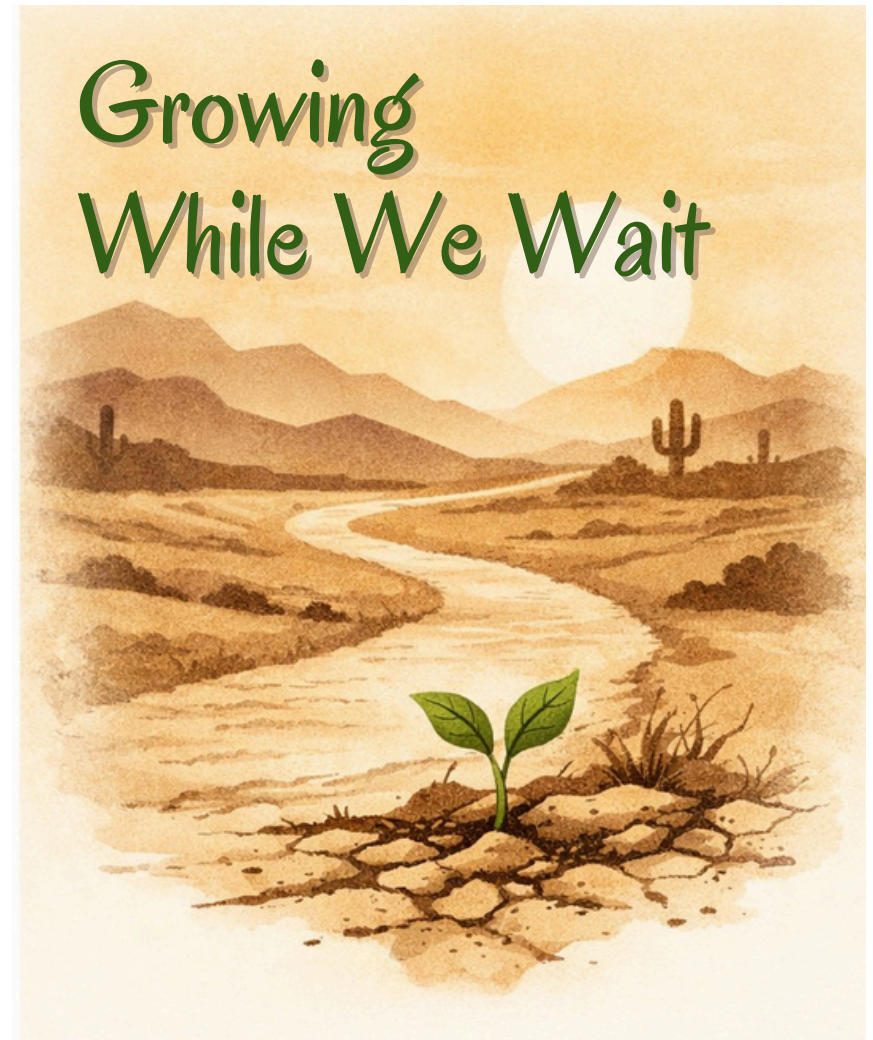
Actual Giving: \$57,316.91

Budgeted: \$53,383.50

YTD 2026

Actual Giving: \$108,234.94

Budgeted: \$106,767.00



Growing While We Wait

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

St. Luke’s United Methodist Church

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.

Order of Worship

*The flowers on the altar are to God's glory
and in honor of the Food Pantry workers.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Arr. Brian Childers

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God calls to us,
With sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God calls to us,
Claiming us,

Summoning us to become more than we now are;
Calling us by name: God's children.

As God's beloved children, let us humbly offer our confession together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of compassion,
if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand?
We come before you with our brokenness
and our wounds.**

**We bring our anger, our bitterness,
our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness.**

We try to do good, but sometimes fail.

We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed.

**Keep your promise to forgive us
when we confess to you completely,
for without you, we have no hope.**

All pray in silence

WORDS OF PARDON

***OPENING HYMN**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH 298

WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

Children are invited to come forward during verse 2 of the opening hymn.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:12-14

ANTHEM

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Arr. Paul Sjolund

MESSAGE

Grow in Perseverance

Rev. Jim McKinney

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we
may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY

The Beautiful Garden of Prayer

J. H. Fillmore

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

***SENDING HYMN**

Higher Ground

On Screens

***BENEDICTION**

May God, who has begun a good work within you,
continue that work through this season of waiting.

May we grow in love and faithfulness as we follow Christ each day.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Arr. Jason Payne

*Congregation stand as able.

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If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.

Leading in Worship

Rev. Jim McKinney, Senior Pastor
Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship
Bev Shepherd, Liturgist
St. Luke's Handbell Choir
St. Luke's Chancel Choir
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist