

Announcements

St. Luke's Easter Clothing Drive will be March 1st- March 28th. Cute Spring sweaters and dresses, ties and dress shirts are welcome for ages 3-11. A clothing rack will be in the Hospitality Hall. Monetary donations using the church giving app: select special gift and specify "Sherwood Easter Clothing" in notes. Envelopes with checks or cash marked for "Sherwood Easter Clothing" can be placed in the offering plate. Contact: mtkaler1111@gmail.com

The United Women in Faith's winter break is over and we resume programming this Tuesday March 10 at 6pm in the Lounge. We have Fellowship from 6:00-6:30 pm and the program begins at 6:30 pm. This year's emphasis is *Mapping Our Way Forward* by Hannah Kendo. Everyone is invited to join us at 6 pm every second Tuesday of the month. For more info- Pat: 901-489-3757

Easter Egg Hunt: Families & friends be sure to join us Saturday, March 28th from 11am-12pm for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza! We will have indoor crafts & games from 11-11:30 am & we will conclude the morning with two egg hunts both beginning at 11:30 am. The hunts will be separated by age groups. If you would like to volunteer or assist in any way, please reach out to Mary Page & we will be taking candy & Little Debbie snack cake donations at the front desk!

VBS 2026: Make plans now to travel to Ancient Rome to meet Paul and learn about the Underground Church on June 1-4 from 5:30 to 7:30. Pre-K4 -5th grade kids will have a colossal good time learning, singing, dancing, playing, crafting, eating, and loving Jesus with friends. Registration opens Monday, April 6. Be sure to tell your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors. Adult and Youth Volunteers are still needed. If you would like to help a little or a lot, text or call Lynne McAlexander at 901-550-3091. There will be an organizational meeting for adult volunteers on Sunday, March 22, immediately following worship.

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, and Kelly Swan.

We are leveling up the following to the Prayer Warriors: Andee Williamson and Amber Wofford.

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

January 2026

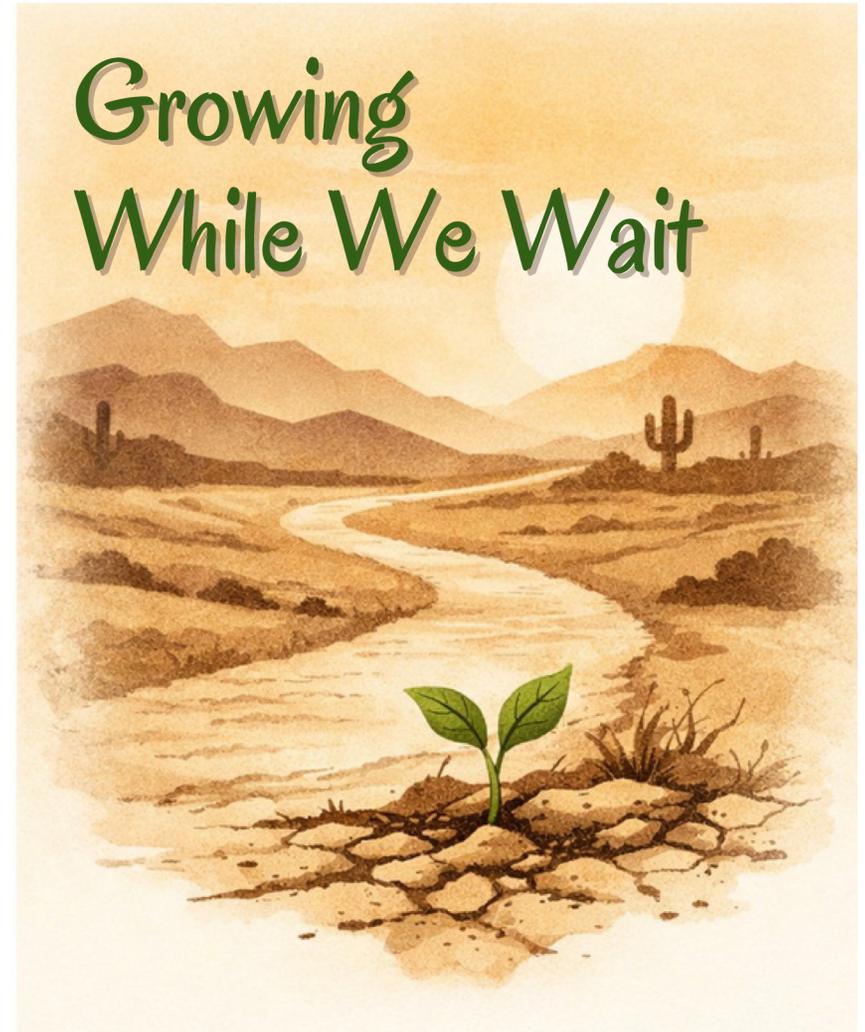
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Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026

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 altar flowers are in honor of Elizabeth Fay Chick for her 8th birthday.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arr. Raymond Haan
Variations on Delay Not, O Sinner Draw Near

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Mystery, Loving One, God beyond our imagining,

you create us; you include us; you love us.

Christ, living body of the love of God,

you heal us; you unite us; you give us to one another.

Holy Spirit, breath that breathes in us all, and makes us one,

you break every division among us; you bring us home to each other.

And so with love and humility, we open our hearts to You and make our confession together, praying:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,

For all the times I have moved against your will;

For all the ways I have been destructive;

For all the people I have manipulated;

For all the truth I have denied;

For all the deeds I have done in ignorance;

For what I have done that has harmed others, thereby harming myself.

These acts and thoughts I confess before God.

I acknowledge, and I am sorry.

**I pray for the strength to change those actions, thoughts, and words
so that I can follow your path more faithfully.**

God have mercy. Christ have mercy. God have mercy.

All pray in silence

WORDS OF PARDON

***OPENING HYMN**

UMH 73
O Worship the King

WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

Children are invited to come forward during verse 3 of the opening hymn.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

UMH 408
The Gift of Love

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

ANTHEM

Mark A. Miller
Show Us How to Love

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney
Grow in Love

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God of love, we thank you, for in love you create us and claim us as your beloved. Receive our lives and these gifts we bring and bless them to bring your love more fully into the world, so that all persons will know themselves to be claimed and loved as your children. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Arr. Robert Lau
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

***SENDING HYMN**

TFWS 2223
They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

***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

Arr. Douglas Wagner
I Love Thy Kingdom

*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
Beverly Shepherd, Liturgist
St. Luke's Chancel Choir
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist