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General Assembly Report

The PC(USA) held its General Assembly (GA) during the month of June. This assembly was the 225th national meeting of the denomination, which is held every two years to set policy, elect leadership, and set the budget for the denomination. Some of the actions the GA passed will have to be ratified by the presbyteries over the next few months. This GA, the second one to be affected by the pandemic, was conducted in part by Zoom and partly in person. All the committee work was done in person at the PC(USA) facility in Louisville. The plenary sessions, where all the commissioners gather to consider the action of the various committees, were all held by Zoom. Here is a summary of some of the significant actions taken by GA225:

- The GA approved two items that originated with our presbytery:
- First, the assembly called for peaceful resolution of the conflict in Cameroon, requesting the

denomination to be active in peace-making efforts. This overture was first proposed by the congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Lubbock for the last GA in 2020, but was postponed until this GA. Our presbytery is blessed to have several members in different congregations from the nation of Cameroon. This is just one of several resolutions passed that addressed conflict around the world.

- Second, the GA approved an amendment to the Book of Order that will allow presbyteries to designate commissioned lay pastors to serve more than one church. This will be helpful in filling the pulpit in smaller churches who are lacking a full-time minister.
- The Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace and Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis were elected Co-Moderators of the 225th General Assembly. They serve in this position until the next GA in 2024.

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**ICE
Cream
Social**

Social & Talent Show Set

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an ice cream social and talent show at 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 28. Watch future bulletins for more details, and be thinking about which talent you want to share with us. ▪ BOB McCACKEN

Spirit Led Living

For if we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.
Galatians 5:25

The first twenty-odd years of my working life were spent with the American Red Cross Blood Services. The Red Cross believes that meeting blood needs is a community responsibility, requiring healthy people to donate blood to help others. A caring community can do far more than one that pits competing needs against one another, hoarding resources instead of sharing generously. I've always thought of blood donors as living out the greatest commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The closing verses of this week's passage in Galatians focus on the individuals in community manifesting the fruit of the Spirit (vv. 22-23). Guided by the Spirit, the community together demonstrates care for one another sufficient to overcome the self-indulgent, divisive action of others.

In a politicized, polarized society, let the Spirit guide your way of life to consider the common good and to demonstrate your commitment to supporting your community responsibly.

Spirit of truth, lead us to show our love to our neighbors in ways that bear good fruit. Amen.

Sarah F. Erickson, Stone Mountain, Georgia

This devotional for Thursday, June 23, 2022 appeared in *These Days*, Vol. 52, No. 2. Not coincidentally, Coffee Memorial Blood Center has informed us that blood donors are greatly needed. This significant act takes a small amount of your time and makes a great difference in the life of another. You can find out if you are eligible and schedule an appointment at this link:

www.thegiftoflife.org/web/index.php?page=donor-appointments

Security Grant & Training

Please plan to attend safety training on either Monday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m. or Friday, September 9 at 9 a.m. This training, called Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), was designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy and will provide strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event.

Also, the budget adjustment for the security grant was just approved, and we have contacted our vendors to start ordering the equipment. We hope to have security film on windows installed in the next few months as a first step. Doorway entrance and security system changes will take longer to be installed, because of long delivery timeframes. As we use the church, please be aware of the space you are in, including observing all possible exits from rooms and the locations of defibrillators, first aid kits, and the fire alarm. Use the walkie-talkies to communicate with the office during office hours, or when in separate areas of the building. Finally, when you enter and leave the building, please be sure that the door latches and is locked behind you.

■ HELEN THORSHEIM



*These Days:
Daily Devotions for
Living by Faith*
for the third quarter
are available from
tables around the
church.

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

1	Kiran
1	Tera
3	Lucille
4	Joyce
4	Quentin
15	Don
18	Jessica
19	Priscilla
26	Bunny
31	J.T. * friend of St. Luke

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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.

Small Groups & Gatherings

Men's Breakfast

The men of the church will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. **Doug Tanner** will host, and **David Kemp** will provide the devotional. All men of the church are welcome.

Young at Heart Lunch

Young at Heart will meet on Wednesday, August 17 at noon in the fellowship hall. A small fee of \$8 covers the cost of your meal. RSVP to the church office by noon on the 16th if you plan to attend. **Doug Tanner** will provide the program; he'll tell us about the security grant and where St. Luke is in the process of installation of all the safety features.

4th Thursday Lunch Bunch

The Fourth Thursday Lunch Bunch will meet on August 25 at noon under the trees south of the fellowship hall (or in the fellowship hall if it is unbearably hot outside.) Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship.

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Thank you so much for all your love, prayers, and support as my family went through such a difficult time this year. Much love to all of you!

—Steve Parker [card on bulletin board]

My 90th birthday was the best—ever! My family and I truly appreciate the use of the fellowship hall; it was perfect. Thank you everyone who came to the party, for the cards and calls, but most of all for the love behind those things. God bless you each and every one.

—Louise [George], Gayla, Jim, Joe and Richard [card on bulletin board]

Bell Choir Rehearsals

On July 31 and August 21, a bell choir will meet at 10 a.m. and rehearse to ring that same Sunday. Any choir member or member/friend from the congregation who wants to join is welcome. No experience required! Let **Bob Hansen** know if you would like to participate.

Time for Telephone Directory Updates

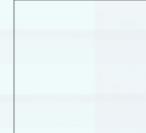
Each year, St. Luke publishes a church telephone directory. The updated directory will be ready on September 1 in time for fall activities.

In the last year, we have happily gained new members! Some of us also have moved. To produce a correct and complete directory, the Congregational Care Committee and Melissa rely on YOUR help! Even if you choose not to have your contact information published (and that is an option), we strongly encourage you to complete the form so that our church records are current. Responses are due by August 1.

In addition to providing information for the telephone directory, this year, you also have the opportunity to help Melissa improve the accuracy of our statistical report that St. Luke must submit at the end of each year. Your answers to a short *confidential survey* will be used to generate statistical data for our church (age groups, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc.) This compiled data along with our number of gains/losses/deaths, baptisms, average weekly attendance, Session composition, and financial data is reported to Palo Duro Presbytery and the Office of the General Assembly.

You can access the form from a link in the Thursday emails

If you just aren't "a computer person," that's okay. Call Melissa in the office. She will read the questions to you and record your responses.



Nominating Committee Requests Your Input

I Corinthians 12:4–7 (NRSV):

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

As Presbyterians, we believe God calls us into relationship and ministry with a community of faith. Each person serves different roles in different seasons as we learn from one another and grow together. As we witness to this calling in one another, we invite specific people to be nominated for specific terms of service.

Our elders are elected from the active membership of St. Luke. We are asking for your help in discerning whom God is calling to serve in this capacity for a three-year term. The people who will be nominated shall embody a spirit of wisdom, maturity, and compassion. The elders work with the pastor to provide spiritual leadership for St. Luke. Each elder moderates at least one committee and provides leadership by serving on the Session for a three-year term, unless otherwise stated.

You are encouraged to prayerfully contemplate people to be considered by the Nominating Committee.

List your suggestions in the space below and either place this form in the offering plate on August 28, drop it by the church office, or mail it to 3001 Bell St., 79106. For your convenience, you may also email your suggestions to admin@stlukeamarillo.com.

Current Session Members

Class of 2022

Cheri Castleberry
Donna Clopton
Marcie Dunavin
Wesley Wingo

Class of 2023

Ann Hefner
Camille Hoy
Bob McCracken
Doug Tanner

Class of 2024

Jennifer Denham
Kendra Jones
Tim Lacey
Cruse Messer

Members of the Officer Nominating Committee

*Donna Clopton and Marcie Dunavin - Session Representatives
Sallie Amazon, Krista Berry, and Kary Wingo -
At-Large Representatives*

Suggestions for Nomination

(Optional Signature) _____

KHUB Gets Building!

St. Luke regularly takes donations of baking items for Kind House Ukraine Bakery. You can find a complete list of needs on the screens in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings. And speaking of KHUB, the non-profit now has its own building at 4715 S. Western Street so that it will be able to move out of Glenda's house and into its very own space! Link to the news story from our Facebook page.



Strokes of Grace

A note from PASTOR KATI



Pictured: Abby, Pastor Kati, Sammi, and Judy Conner — and Jessie ;)

A Hygge-Like Hospitality

Hospitality, what do you think of when you are asked to “show hospitality”? Do you think of a 1950’s housewife? Maybe you were or loved a special 1950’s housewife? My Mama Rosemary was a kind and generous woman, quiet and wise, creative with a good sense of humor, elegant and hardworking, your epitome of Proverbs 33. I remember big family gatherings in their home, where everyone felt loved and welcomed. I don’t exactly remember specific things she said or did, I just remember the feeling of joy and safety that Rosemary emitted. My Papa Earl was the outgoing photographer who had a sense of adventure, going after the story, and stopping for a piece of pie along the way. Most of the time, Rosemary accompanied him on these field missions, and even if she couldn’t come, she would send some sandwiches and vanilla wafers in Tupperware for snacks. Earl treated everyone like a brother or sister, no one was a stranger to him, even if you had skin of a different color or had a disability of some sort or just plain had a bad attitude, Earl could make you laugh, feel loved and appreciated. He gave everyone compliments on whatever he could. Christian hospitality seems to me to be a combination of Earl and Rosemary’s way of life, making people feel loved and valued in and outside of their home. Caring for hearts as much as bodies.

The Danish practice of Hygge (Hoogeh) might also be described as hospitality for the soul. In *The Little Book of*

Hygee: Danish Secrets to Happy Living, Meik Wiking gives instructions for incorporating “coziness” into the American lifestyle. “Hygge is about an atmosphere and an experience, rather than about things. It is about being with the people we love. A feeling of home. A feeling that we are safe, that we are shielded from the world and allow ourselves to let our guard down. You may be having an endless conversation about the small or big things in life—or just be comfortable in each other’s silent company—or simply just be by yourself enjoying a cup of tea.” Creating an atmosphere could involve starting a fire or lighting a candle, but it can also mean bringing people together to create a sense of warmth and harmony. A central quality of hygge is harmony and equality—“we over me, sharing tasks and airtime.”

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

Hebrews 13:1-2

spiritual growth and relationship bonding.

Our congregation at St. Luke has long practiced a basic Hygge-like welcome as we reach out to our community with **Open Hands of Love**. I know I have experienced that feeling of coziness with many of you, and as we continue to rebuild our congregation with meaningful fellowship opportunities, may we keep this image of hospitality to draw us together in harmony.

AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10:30 am Adult Piano Class 2:00 pm Christian Ed. Com. 5:30 pm Mission Com. Mtg. 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	2 10:00 am Exercise Group 4:00 pm Cong. Care Com. Telephone directory info. is due.	3	4 10:00 am Exercise Group 2:00 pm Threads of Love Ministry 6:30 pm - ACA 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	5	6 10:30 am - ACA
7 Peanut Butter Sunday Communion will be celebrated. following worship Brown Bag Lunch with Pastor Kati	8 10:30 am Adult Piano Class 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	9 6:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Exercise Group 5:45 pm Worship Com. Mtg.	10 12:00 noon Finance Com. Mtg. 6:00 pm LOGOS Com. Mtg.	11 10:00 am Exercise Group 2:00 pm Threads of Love Ministry 6:30 pm - ACA 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	12	13 10:00 am – noon Baby Shower @ St. Luke 2:00 - 4:00 pm Baby Shower @ 6111 Cornell 10:30 am - ACA
14	15 10:30 am Adult Piano Class 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	16 10:00 am Exercise Group 5:30 pm Fellowship Com. Mtg.	17 12:00 noon Young at Heart Horizons study book orders are due.	18 10:00 am Exercise Group 2:00 pm Threads of Love Ministry 6:30 pm - ACA 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	19 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Scrapbook Club Event @ St. Luke 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Scrapbook Club Event @ St. Luke 10:30 am - ACA	20 7:30 - 10:00 am Laundry Love Event @ 10th St. Laundry 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Scrapbook Club Event @ St. Luke
21 Handbell Choir will play. 12:00 noon Stated Session Meeting Epistle deadline	22 10:30 am Adult Piano Class 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	23 10:00 am Exercise Group	24	25 10:00 am Exercise Group 12:00 noon Lunch Bunch 2:00 pm Threads of Love 6:30 pm - ACA 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	26	27 10:30 am - ACA
28 4:00 pm Ice Cream Social & Talent Show Suggestions for Elder nominations are due.	29 10:30 am Adult Piano Class 5:30 pm Safety Training - evening option (A morning option will be held on Sept. 9.) 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-non	30 10:00 am Exercise Group 7:00 pm Farkle Group	31	EACH SUNDAY 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:45 am Adult Sunday School Class is on summer break 10:15 am Choir Rehearsal unless otherwise stated 11:00 am In-Person Worship and service will stream Live on Facebook		

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.

MAY

JUNE

YEAR-TO-DATE

Mission Committee News

Your Mission Committee is gearing up for a busy fall season. Stay tuned for more information about our drives for Amarillo College, the High Plains Food Bank, KHUB, and others. Also, we will be sponsoring a Laundry Love event on Saturday, August 20, from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. If you would like to join us, COME ON DOWN! Who knew doing laundry on a Saturday morning could be so much fun? And if you have comments or suggestions, or want to join the committee, please let us know by contacting **Camille Hoy** or **Ann Hefner**.

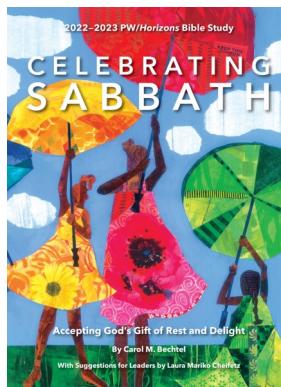
PW to Resume in September

St. Luke Women will resume meeting on September 14 at 9:30 a.m. If you plan to participate, it is time to purchase your *Horizons* study book. If you order through the office, each book will cost \$11 (including shipping.) Payment must be received no later than Wednesday, August 17.

Make checks payable to St. Luke and write "Horizons" on the memo line. It is not necessary to call or email the office. Melissa will order according to the list of payments received. No extra copies will be ordered.

If you would prefer to order directly from PW, here is the link: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/celebrating-sabbath/>.

The theme this year is Celebrating Sabbath. It promises to be a thoughtful study, and we look forward to another enjoyable year together. All women are welcome.



Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives. In *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, Carol M. Bechtel leads us through a study of Sabbath over nine lessons. Participants will consider Sabbath anew and will come away renewed.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September *E-pistle* will be Sunday, August 21. Send your news to editor **Nan Kemp**. If you are not on St. Luke's emailing list and would like to receive the newsletter, please contact the church office to be added.

Brown Bag Lunch

GET TO KNOW ST. LUKE

On August 7, following worship, visitors and regulars alike are invited to share in some extra fellowship and lunch in the fellowship hall to get to know the people of St. Luke. Pastor Kati will provide some salads and sandwiches, but you are welcome to bring your own brown bag lunch and join the conversation.



It's a baby shower!

And we're celebrating
Taytum & Nolan
and baby _____ on the way
with lots of love
(and presents)

Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m.
St. Luke Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall

Registered on Amazon



GENERAL ASSEMBLY *continued from page 1.*

- The next GA, GA226, will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. In a reverse of GA225, the committee work before the plenary sessions will be held by Zoom, and the plenary sessions will be in person.
- The GA approved selected divestment of five fossil fuel companies, after the companies, after years of engagement with the denomination, failed to do enough to slow climate change. “Divestment” means that the stocks and bonds of those companies should be sold and replaced with similar investments by the presbyterian investing agencies. Note that these companies reflect a small fraction (less than 1% in the case of the Presbyterian Foundation) of the church’s investments, and that the PC(USA)’s investments will continue to include other fossil fuel companies that follow the PC(USA) policy.
- The assembly approved a per capita rate of \$9.85 per member in 2023 and \$9.80 per member in 2024. The current per capita rate is \$8.98 per member meaning an 87-cent (9.6%) increase next year while the 2024 rate will drop by five cents (0.5%) in 2024.
- A task force will explore the theology and practice of ordination for ruling elders and recommend any changes to the next GA.
- The denomination passed several items addressing social issues:
 - Condemning violence against minorities and racism and offering an apology for the PC(USA)’s complicity in racism. PC(USA) also committed to study its own policies and procedures and discard any that contribute to discrimination.
 - Condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine and calling for an immediate cease-fire and international mediation efforts to bring peace.
 - Authorized the development of a campaign to end gun violence in ten years.

If you are interested in a more information, the GA225 summary at the PC(USA) website is a good start: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/7/12/summary-general-assembly-actions/>

Joys & Concerns

We extend our condolences and prayers to all who have lost loved ones. May our Lord bless and comfort your families during this time of grief.

- † **Katie Thorsheim**, Helen’s sister, upon the passing of her husband, **Bernie McKay**.
- † Cuevas family, friends of **Elizabeth Walley**, upon the death of **Elsie Cuevas**.
- † Former longtime member **Betsy McCampbell** passed away July 17. Betsy was a member of St. Luke for many years, sang in the choir, and was a leader of the women’s circle. We send our love and sympathy to the McCampbell family. They recommend donations to the Parkinson Foundation, www.Parkinson.org.
- † Former longtime member **John Krodel** passed away on June 30. We extend our love and condolences to the Krodel family. (**Elizabeth** passed away in 2019.)
- † Prayers for the family of **Bobby Hernandez**, former St. Luke sexton, who passed away June 11.

Continue to remember those with COVID-19 and also

the St. Luke Session; the staff and residents at Amarillo Children’s Home; the people of Johnson Chapel A.M.E. Church; Glenda Moore (Kind House Ukraine Bakery); our participants at Laundry Love; and the students, teachers, and staff at Mesa Verde Elementary School.

Christian Education News

Children’s Church and Adult Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 11. The adults meet in the education wing room from 9:45-10:45 a.m. As for the children, they can sit with their families during the first part of worship. After the anthem, **Camille** and **Helen** will escort children from pre-K to ~5th grade to the Bright Education Center classroom for a Bible lesson, songs, crafts, and fun. Watch future bulletins and the September *Epistle* for more information.

Assistance Funds Available

With the aid of our St. Luke Family Assistance Fund, ten families/individuals have received financial help over the last two years. Their requests are kept anonymous, but they express their gratitude through Pastor Kati. Most recently, several families have requested funds for gas. If you would like to donate a \$25 or \$50 Walmart gift card, these have been an efficient way to help people in this way. If you would like to donate using a check or digital gift, simply make a note and place in the offering plate, send to the office, or make a gift through the website.

Giving Statements will be emailed around August 31.

August 7 is Peanut Butter Sunday!

Fall Seminar Scheduled

The Seminar Committee of St. Luke is excited to announce the fall seminar will return this year! Put the dates of Friday and Saturday, October 7-8 on your calendars.

Our speaker will be Dr. **Angela N. Parker**, assistant professor of New Testament and Greek at McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. She teaches courses in New Testament, Greek Exegesis, Gospel of Mark, the Corinthians Correspondence, Gospel of John, and Womanist and Feminist Hermeneutics unto preaching. Look for more information next month.

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 night at St. Luke is held on the last Tuesday evening every month. Farkle is a dice game played around tables of folks who enjoy play and conversation. We usually have light refreshments to share, but one is not required to bring. We become friends sharing our lives and love for one another. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship.

Prayer Shawls Available

Prayer shawls and lap robes made by our Threads of Love Ministry are on display in the fellowship hall. If you know of someone in need of comfort, please take one to them. Each one has a card attached assuring the recipient of the love which went into its making and of the love of God.



A request we hope isn't hard,
please bring a book
instead of a card.
Whether it's well-loved
or brand new,
it'll be cherished
as a gift from you.
Sign the inside with a sweet note,
so when we read it,
we'll see what you wrote.

Join us for a baby shower

honoring Wesley and Alexa

Saturday, August 13 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

St. Luke Presbyterian Church

Registered at babylist.com

Session Summary

Below is a brief summary of the June Session meeting. The Session took a break and did not meet in July.

Clerk's Report:

1. April 2022 average attendance for worship – 59
2. Active membership as of May 31, 2022 – 147
3. Communion was celebrated on Sunday, June 5.
4. The roll was adjusted to reflect that **Aaron Parker** was not baptized by the BSA chaplain and will remain a “friend of St. Luke” at this time.
5. **Maddie** was baptized on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Commendations:

- **Katie Worsham** for playing in the flute trio with Pastor Kati and **Mary Holmlund** on June 5.
- **Jennifer Denham** for donating the “Smile Big-Safe Place” sign.
- **Sam Burnett** for attending Session to present his request to use the building for an open community meeting.
- Session members for having open discussions and for handling difficult decisions for the safety of our church.
- **Bob Hansen** and the thirteen bell choir members for their beautiful song in the service in June.
- **Tim and Kim Lacey** for hosting the young adults’ Bible study.
- **Doug Tanner** for donating a new clock in the fellowship hall.
- **Donna Clopton** for always being such a positive, committed St. Luke member.

New Playground

Thank you, Hands of Service! The playground is up in the courtyard, thanks to the Property Committee and many volunteers. Watch for an announcement for a blessing sometime in the coming weeks.

Additions to St. Luke Library

St. Luke Librarian **Doug Tanner** reports the following titles have been added to our collection:

- Albom, Mitch, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* (2003). Replacement for missing item.
- Borg, Marcus J. and John Dominic Crossan, *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* (2007).
- Brackey, Jolene, *Creating Moments of Joy for the Person with Alzheimer's or Dementia* (2007).
- Brownlow, Leroy, *Today Is Mine: A Day-to-day Guide Showing How to Get the Most Out of Life* (1972).
- Chatelle, Melody, *Journeys of Heartache and Grace: Conversations and Life Lessons from Young People with Serious Illnesses* (2008).
- Dunn, Hank, *Hard Choices for Loving People: CPR, Artificial Feeding, Comfort Care, and the Patient with a Life-Threatening Illness* (2007).
- Guideposts, Editors and others, *Angels All Around Us: True Stories of Encounters with God's Heavenly Messengers* (2022).
- Haugk, Kenneth C., *A Time to Grieve: Journeying through Grief, Book 1* (2004).
- Ibid., *Experiencing Grief: Journeying through Grief, Book 2* (2004).
- Ibid., *Finding Hope and Healing: Journeying through Grief, Book 3* (2004).
- Ibid., *Rebuilding and Remembering: Journeying through Grief, Book 4* (2004).
- McKim, LindaJo and Donald K., and M. Agnes Peebles, *Kerygma: The Bible and Theology: Leaders' Guides and Resource Books*, 8 volumes (1993 - 1996).
- Tatarella, Francesca, *Labyrinths & Mazes: A Journey through Art, Architecture, and Landscape* (2016).
- Waldman, Steven, *Sacred Liberty: America's Long, Bloody, and Ongoing Struggle for Religious Freedom* (2020).

As the new school year starts...

Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody.

KID PRESIDENT (Robby Novak)

THANK YOU!!

St. Luke's Perpetual Endowment Fund has existed for many years—since November of 1998 to be exact—and is governed by its own set of by-laws. You may have noticed that we have talked more about it recently. Our Endowment Committee hoped to remind us of its existence and purpose and to make us aware of its value to St. Luke. To that end, we hosted an educational event on May 1 and have emphasized birthday giving with a Minute for Mission and announcements. Each month, we encourage those celebrating birthdays to donate the amount of his/her age. (You can also honor other milestones—anniversaries, retirement, etc.) Since October 2021, eleven individuals and families have given eighteen separate gifts totaling \$1,611! Thank you for providing for the future of St. Luke!

Postscripts

The development of **Travis Kemp**'s new podcast, "Stayin' Jazzy with Travis Kemp" is progressing, and he hopes to launch in the fall. He's thankful for friends who are helping with the theme song and cover art. If you want to contribute in any way, his address is TWKemp84@yahoo.com

Jude Robinson has been designated a Presidential Scholar at Amarillo College. Presidential Scholars make up a small group of AC students who are selected on the basis of their academic and extracurricular achievements. Jude succeeded in a number of AP and dual credit classes at Amarillo High, and sang in the choir for four years. He currently is working at Roasters. He plans to study history at AC. Congratulations to Jude and his family!

Thanks to all those who hosted the Friends and Family Picnic in June. It was great fun.



Please join us for a
BABY SHOWER
honoring the mom-to-be
Abby

Saturday, August 13, 2 - 4 PM
6111 Cornell Street, Amarillo

Registry
babylist.com/

Abby would appreciate books in
place of cards.

St. Luke Mommas

We've got a handful of couples with very young children and a few more babies to come in the next few months! A group of moms is forming, planning to meet once a month this fall, seeking to encourage one another spiritually and have fun! Contact Pastor **Kati** for more details or if you would like to make a donation to cover their appetizer or book costs.

