

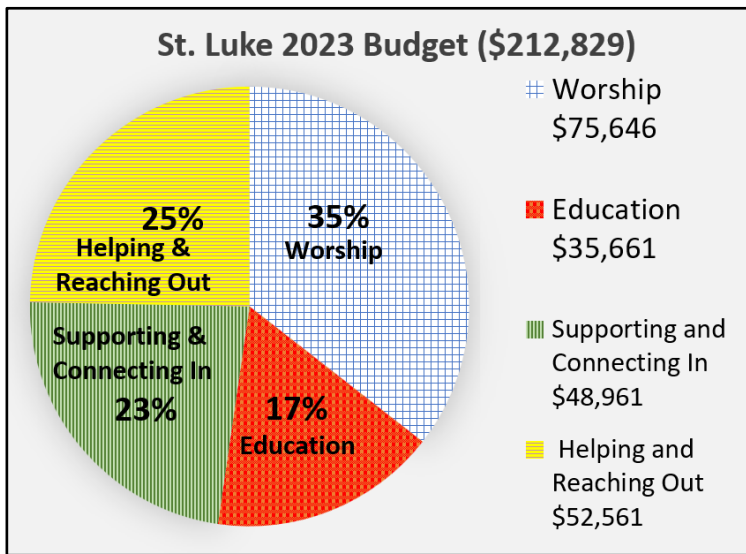


# How Do We Serve God & Our Community?



The following narrative provides a description of the efforts and expenses of St. Luke, divided into four categories that reflect the primary emphases of our church. We hope that this tool will help you better understand how your time, talent, and treasure support the missions and ministries of St. Luke. The budget is for 2023, while the descriptions are of 2022 activities and ministries, but give an excellent picture of what is planned for 2023.

Your gifts enable worship, Christian study, fellowship, skilled and compassionate pastoral leadership, outreach to our community, and mission giving – all opportunities for us to grow our abilities to model Christian love and express our gratitude for God’s grace.



**Mission and Outreach** budgets and activities are in **“Helping and Reaching Out,”** while **Congregational Care, Pastoral Care, and Fellowship** are in **“Supporting and Connecting In.”**

Salaries and facility expenses are distributed across the four categories, based on the amount of time spent on each ministry. A detailed budget is available from the church office.

While we seek a pastor in 2023, we continue all our activities and services through strong leadership and congregational involvement, with God’s help and guidance.

**For every \$100 you give in 2023, \$35 will support Worship, \$25 for Helping and Reaching Out, \$23 will enable Supporting and Connecting In, and \$17 for Education.**

## Worship

(\$75,646)

Worship services at St. Luke are a major part of the life of our church and often the first way that visitors connect with us. We welcome all persons to worship with us in a traditional setting that includes music, prayer, and sermons based on our modern understanding of scripture. We provide multiple opportunities for those of all ages to participate, such as in our choirs, by offering special music, during children's sermons, and as liturgist. Many of our worshipers join our services through Facebook, either live or at their own time.

## Education

(\$35,661)

We have had an active education program in 2022, including adult Bible study and children's church on Sunday mornings, and several weekday and evening Bible studies led by members or the pastor. Adult topics included studies of Mark, Hebrews and Luke, and video courses on Biblical history and development, as well as Lenten and Advent studies. In addition, during the week, Presbyterian Women gatherings and the Wednesday evening program for children and youth were enjoyed monthly. We resumed our annual seminar series, which provides modern and relevant Biblical scholarship. St. Luke members and friends have numerous opportunities to continue building knowledge and growing spiritually.

## Supporting and Connecting In

(\$48,961)

Our pastor and members routinely visited and called many people at their homes and in the hospital. Also, we support each other emotionally, physically, and spiritually in a myriad of ways, such as by delivering meals, aiding those in financial distress, and helping with daily tasks. We provide weekly opportunities to gather and enjoy each other's company with choices such as keyboard classes, Threads of Love, and several exercise classes. We join together in fellowship on Sunday mornings before worship and during special meals throughout the year. Men's breakfasts, Young at Heart luncheons, and Growing Adult Presbyterian gatherings occur monthly and include devotional or educational elements. A moms group was started in 2022 as well.

## Helping and Reaching Out

(\$52,561)

St. Luke strives to be generous in our gifts of effort, assistance, and money to our community and the wider world. We have strong, active ministries with **Laundry Love** at 10<sup>th</sup> St. Laundry and at **Mesa Verde Elementary School**. Other groups we helped in 2022 include **Kind House Ukrainian Bakery, Children's Home, Eveline Rivers, High Plains Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Austin Seminary, Heal the City, Amarillo College Food Pantry, Tyler Street Resource Center, PDP's Celebration Scholarship**, and numerous other mission projects. We also host worship services with Open and Affirming Congregations, gatherings of the transgender support community, and several special interest and fellowship groups. We will continue to find creative ways to offer our service and love to our community. With God's help, we extend Hands of Service, Hands of Faith, and Open Hands of Love.