

# St. Luke Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

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### *Ruling Elders*

Class of '23  
Ann Hefner  
Camille Hoy  
Bob McCracken  
Doug Tanner

Class of '24  
Jennifer Denham  
Kendra Jones  
Tim Lacey  
Cruse Messer

Class of '25  
Ross Clopton  
Bob Hansen  
Barbara Taylor  
Kary Wingo

### St. Luke Silent Auction

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Silent Auction on October 1, benefiting Laundry Love.

They are now collecting donations that can be left in the pastor's office. There will be silent auction forms available if donors wish to put a specific price as a starting bid for their items. Donations can be an art or craft you have made, holiday items, a coupon/certificate for a service you will provide (such as housecleaning, car wash, leaf raking, snow shoveling, or homemade dessert), or an item taking up space that is like new/never used. Use your imagination! (No clothing, please.) Food can be brought on Sunday morning,

If you have questions, contact **Camille Hoy** or any member of the committee.

*Therefore,  
as we have  
opportunity,  
let us do  
good to all  
people, es-  
pecially to  
those who  
belong to  
the family  
of believers.*

**-Galatians  
6:10**

**Donations are due by Sept 30**



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# THANK YOU

*for your faithful giving!*

## August Finances

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## Year-to-Date

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## Epistles

*Dear St. Luke,*

I'm writing to express my gratitude to Dr. Jennifer Denham, the Scholarship Committee, and the Session for choosing to support my Certificate in Ministry studies with a St. Luke Scholarship.

I'm now in my second semester in the CIM program offered by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, taking classes in Christian Education and Church History. The coursework is inspiring and informative, and the ability to advance my education is an incredible gift.

My goal is to continue to be of service to St. Luke and to other communities in faith throughout the region, and this scholarship is making that possible. Thank you again for your belief in me. I am unbelievably grateful for the support of our church family.

With love and gratitude,  
*Stacy D. Clopton*



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly men's breakfast will be held, Tuesday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 a.m. at HUD'S, 4411 Bell St. (east side of the street). Eldon Wingo will deliver the devotional. Come enjoy the fellowship and some excellent breakfast fare.

### Class of 2026

At the congregational meeting on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, the Nominating Committee put forth the slate of nominees for the Elder Class of 2026. By acclamation, **Helen Thorsheim, Paige Hadley, Priscilla Sheets, and Tim Sougstad** were elected. An ordination and installation service will be held in January of the new year.

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# Update to your Directory

Alex & Kim Gibson

Abby & Blaine Morris

Ashley Denham

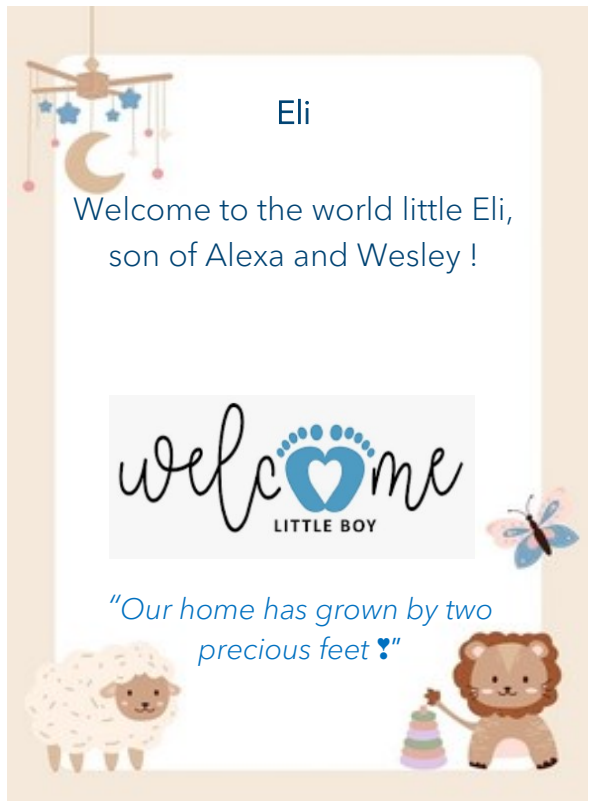
## Wednesday Night Live

The meals continue for October:

- 10/4 – Fried chicken
- 10/11- Ham
- 10/25 – Chicken tenders

There will be no meal or regular activities for WNL on October 18<sup>th</sup>, but the Disciple Bible study will still meet that night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please continue to let Kary Wingo ([karywingo@gmail.com](mailto:karywingo@gmail.com)) know by noon on the Tuesday preceding the meal if you plan to attend.



A Meal Train has been set up for Wesley and Alexa , for those interested in helping this way, while they figure out their new routine with little Eli! Simply click on the link below, either volunteer for a specific date to bring a meal by filling in the information or electronically send them a restaurant/delivery gift card straight from the website. Please contact Paige Hadley if you have any questions or need help with the Meal Train website.

<https://mealtrain.com/lk6eo4>



*Before I formed you, in the womb, I  
knew you. Before you were born, I  
set you apart.*

*- Jeremiah 1:5*



# Session Report

The session had its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Below is a short summary:

## Clerk's Report

- August 2023 average attendance for worship – 63
- Active membership as August 31, 2023 – 144
- Communion celebrated September 10, 2023, with **David Kemp** presiding.
- **Lois Ball** entered the Church Triumphant on August 4, 2023.

## Commendations and Suggestions

- A. The Security Task Force for successful completion of the Grant.
- B. AATAG for creating family-friendly opportunities in the community.
- C. **Helen Thorsheim, Mary Holmlund and Alice Cooke** for their wind instrument trio performance at the Teacher's Luncheon.
- D. **Linda Peirce** for her selfless giving of time and energy to maintain contact with our less active members.
- E. All those serving as Pulpit Supply.
- F. Bell Choir for the summer anthems.
- G. **Kary and Eldon Wingo, Cheri Castleberry and Helen Thorsheim** for help at Laundry Love.
- H. Nominating Committee for their hard work.

## New Titles in St. Luke Library

**Doug Tanner** reports recently library additions:

- **Coogan, Michael.** *God's Favorites: Judaism, Christianity, and the Myth of Divine Closeness* (2019). Gift of Doug Tanner.
- **Florence, Dr. Anna Carter.** *Rehearsing Scripture: Discovering God's Word in Community* (2018). Autographed copy by our seminar leader. Gift from Doug Tanner.
- **Holland, Tom.** *In the Shadow of the Sword: The Battle for Global Empire and the End of the Ancient World* (2012). Gift of Doug Tanner.
- **Ignatieff, Michael.** *On Consolation: Finding Solace in Dark Times* (2021). Gift of Doug Tanner.
- **Mikhail, Alan.** *God's Shadow: The Ottoman Sultan Who Shaped the Modern World* (2020). Gift of Doug Tanner.
- **Rawson, Philip.** *Sacred Tibet: Imagination, Magic, and Myth* (2012; originally published 1991). Gift of Doug Tanner.
- **Touching Grace Publication.** *Noah and the Ark: Faith During Hard Times* (n.d.). Gift of Donna Clopton.
- **Walters, Diana L.** *Remembering the Life of Jesus* (2005). Gift of Donna Clopton.



## October Birthdays

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| 10/02 • Jarvis   | 10/17 • Linda    |
| 10/03 • Henry    | 10/21 • Margaret |
| 10/04 • Camille  | 10/22 • Marilyn  |
| 10/06 • Bea      | 10/24 • Patricia |
| 10/06 • Teresa   | 10/26 • Dynette  |
| 10/12 • Jennifer | 10/27 • Roger    |
| 10/12 • Cailyn   | 10/27 • Beth y   |
| 10/13 • Andy     |                  |

## PNC Update

The PNC continues to review profiles and meet with candidates to be our new pastor. We are working very hard on the process. We have had many inquiries and have met some very fine possibilities. Soon we will reach the point where we will meet in person with some of our prospects, meaning we are ever closer to finding the perfect match for St. Luke. Keep us in your prayers.

~**Bob Hansen,**  
Moderator

## Donut Donors Needed

We need volunteers to bring donuts on Sunday mornings. A thank you to those that signed up for October dates. There are still some dates open: Nov 26, Dec 10, Dec 17 and Dec 24. Please see the sign-up sheet on the donut counter.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.**

**- Proverbs 3:5-6**



## Joys and Concerns

- ♦ Baby Wingo has arrived! **Eli**, son of **Wesley** and **Alexa**, was born September 21st. He weighed in at 5 lb. 8 oz. and is 18" long. (A pretty remarkable head of hair has been reported, as well.) The Wingo family, including grandparents **Eldon and Kary** and great grandmother **Delma** are thrilled beyond words. Congratulations from your St. Luke family!
- ♦ **Donna Phipps** is settling in nicely in her new "digs" at the Craig. She says she and Evie, her canine companion, are making friends and enjoy exploring the grounds. Her new address is
- ♦ **Macy Williams**, health concerns
- ♦ **Dale and Judy Conner**, health concerns
- ♦ **Grace Acha**, **Yvette Mba's** mother, is receiving cancer treatment.
- ♦ **Colton**, son of **Taytum and Nola**, is recuperating from E.coli.

## Let's Picnic

Fellowship Committee invites you to a Friends and Family picnic on October 22nd at 5:30 p.m. on the south lawn (by the Fellowship Hall). Those whose surnames start with A-P are asked to bring side dishes, Q-Z, desserts. Everyone is asked to bring lawn chairs. The Methodists will be joining us.

See you there!

~ Bob McCracken

## Presbyterian Women

The theme of the Horizons Bible Study for '23-'24 is "Sacred Encounters, the Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts." Lesson #2 is The Exorcism in Gerasa, Luke 8:26-39. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with brunch at 9:30 a.m., to be hosted by Linda Peirce and Susan Barnes. Margaret Heyde will provide the devotional. All women are welcome to attend. Kendra Jones will lead the business meeting and Nan Kemp will very loosely direct the lesson.

## THE ROUND TABLE

The Round Table is gearing up to begin again this fall. We'll be organizing into groups of 8 (4 couples) who will dine monthly in the home of the host. Each couple will be asked to bring a side dish and a dessert, while the host will provide the main dish.

Those interested in this fellowship at The Round Table, please call or email Cruse Messer.

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Hope you will join us in this fellowship opportunity.

The Worship Committee is launching a Sunday Meditation. It will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month, beginning on Sunday, October 8th @ 5:00 p.m. We will meet in the Sanctuary. It will be a time for prayer and reflection. Please join us for this special time of contemplation. Immediately following meditation on the 8th, we will have a Hymn Sing with our friends at AUMC and Johnson Chapel AME.

~ Cruse Messer

For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

– Psalm 107:9



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## Each Sunday

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship  
 9:45 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 am In person Worship and  
 Live on Facebook. Children's  
 church after the Anthem

<b>Mesa Verde Sunday</b> <i>Elder Stacy Clopton will fill the pulpit.</i> WORLD COMMUNION <b>SILENT AUCTION</b>	<b>10 &amp; 11 am:</b> Adult Piano Class <b>4:30 pm:</b> Christian Education Committee Mtg	<b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group <b>4:00 pm:</b> Congregational Care Committee Mtg	<b>9:00 am:</b> Yoga Practice <b>6:00 pm:</b> WNL • Dinner, Fellowship, and Bible Study	<b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group <b>2:00 pm:</b> Threads of Love Ministry <b>6:00 pm:</b> Adult Bible Study @ Barbara Taylor's	<b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm:</b> ATAG • Picnic in the Park The Fellowship Hall is reserved.
<b>Bring a Friend Sunday</b> <i>Elder (TBD) will fill the pulpit.</i> <b>5:00 pm:</b> Sunday Meditation	<b>10 &amp; 11 am:</b> Adult Piano Class	<b>6:30 a.m.</b> Men's Breakfast <b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group <b>5:45 pm:</b> Worship Comm Mtg <b>6:00 pm:</b> Property Comm Mtg	<b>9:00 am:</b> Yoga Practice <b>9:30 am:</b> Presbyterian Women's Brunch & Bible Study <b>Noon:</b> Finance Comm Mtg <b>6:30 pm:</b> Bible Study	<b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group <b>2:00 pm:</b> Threads of Love Ministry <b>6:00 pm:</b> Adult Bible Study @ Barbara Taylor's	
<i>Elder (TBD) will fill the pulpit.</i>	<b>10 &amp; 11 am:</b> Adult Piano Class	<b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group	<b>9:00 am:</b> Yoga Practice <b>Noon:</b> Young At Heart	<b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group <b>2:00 pm:</b> Threads of Love <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Seminar Comm Mtg <b>6:00 pm:</b> Bible Study @ Barbara Taylor's	<b>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</b> Fellowship Hall is reserved for the Scrapbook Club
<i>Elder (TBD) will fill the pulpit.</i> <b>5:30 pm:</b> Friends and Family Picnic <b>4:00 pm:</b> Stated Session Mtg	<b>10 &amp; 11 am:</b> Adult Piano Class	<b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group	<b>9:00 am:</b> Yoga Practice <b>6:00 pm:</b> WNL	<b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group <b>Noon:</b> Lunch Bunch <b>2:00 pm:</b> Threads of Love <b>6:00 pm:</b> Bible Study @ Barbara Taylor's	
<i>Elder (TBD) will fill the pulpit.</i>	<b>10 &amp; 11 am:</b> Adult Piano Class	<b>10:00 am:</b> Exercise Group <b>6:30:</b> Farkle Group <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</b>			

# October 2023



## Giving Joyfully Part 2

Giving joyfully was the theme of last year's stewardship appeal. We hope you still have the tee shirt!

This year, we hope to sustain that spirit of generous giving. Starting October 15th, your Finance/Stewardship Committee will circulate Estimates of Giving and Time and Talent sheets to each of you for the upcoming year. Please return them by November 1<sup>st</sup>, so they can play a part in the church's budget formation. By the start of 2024, we hope to have a new minister chosen and in service to St. Luke. It is vitally important that we lay a solid financial groundwork for that ministry.

We already have remodeled the manse in anticipation of a new minister. The pastor's study is clean and waiting. Our new Office Administrator, **Dynette Hofmann**, stands ready to provide support, along with the session and active committees of the church.

As a token of appreciation for your continued giving, we will distribute custom printed St. Luke tote bags upon the outcome of this year's appeal. Reserve yours by responding generously!

~ Doug Tanner

## Postscripts



- At the beginning of the fall semester, David Craig was named 2023-24 Magister Optimus, the highest honor for a WTAMU faculty member. The Faculty Senate chooses the Magister Optimus winner, who must have taught at WT for at least six consecutive years. To be considered for the award, faculty must display expertise in their subject area, innovation, flexibility, use of evidence-based teaching methods, and an ability to instill a hunger to learn in their students.

David's colleagues particularly praised his passion for science literacy and sharing science with everyone, especially those outside the scientific disciplines. Department Chair Jason Yarbrough said, David "is known for bridging points of contact between disciplines as a common guest lecturer and participant in non-science courses." David's newly created Waves course on the physics of art and music has attracted music, arts, and humanities students.

- Tyler** will take time from celebrating his new nephew's birth to play his mellophone as he marches in the UT alumni band at the Kansas game in Austin on Sept. 30. (Hook 'em! – or Rock Chalk! if you're so inclined)
- Bob Hansen will be singing in Amarillo's Opera – TOSCA on Saturday, October 7 at the Globe News Center.
- Stacy Clopton and Bob Hansen invite you to the annual Books to Broadway event on October 24th, benefitting the Friends of Amarillo Public Library.

But as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you - see that you excel in this act of grace also.

- 2 Corinthians 8:7