

Announcements

Food Pantry: The food pantry is in need of soup.

United Women in Faith: United Women in Faith are on a Winter break until March 11. We will meet in Lounge at 6:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm (March-December).

Contribution Statements: Church Family: The 2024 Year-end contribution statements will be available Sunday, January 19 in the Hospitality Hall. In order to save on postage, we are asking those of you who can, to pick up your statement whenever you're at church. If you're not able to do so, please call the church office (901) 452-6262 to request to have a copy mailed to you. Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of St. Luke's!

Prayer Requests

Bev Shepherd, Nita Taylor (Larry Kaler's niece), Sheridan Harris, Tom Burkett, Buddy Ellis, Isabel Paredes (Mirria's friend), Marty Cobb, Barbara Lockett (Stella Day's sister-in-law), Deborah Sanders, Betty Carter, Barry Ware (St. Gelais's cousin), Bette Colter, Diane Hayne, and Judy Floyd.

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

<u>December 2024</u>	<u>YTD 2024</u>
Actual Giving: \$77,552	Actual Giving: \$639,441
Budgeted: \$55,529	Budgeted: \$666,343



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE

January 12th, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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.*

Did You Know?

John 10:14 ESV: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

Each Sunday we have several choices of Christian Education classes to help you get to know the Good Shepherd Jesus. See the bulletin board across from the Hospitality desk for a listing of these classes. All are welcome to attend.

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Order of Worship

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Paul and Sadie Colter, from Harry and Bette.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arr. Rick Parks

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

All: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 529

How Firm a Foundation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, whatever storms may rage about me. I believe in Christ, whatever the world may say about Him. I believe in the Holy Spirit, however hard it is to understand such things. I believe in the Church, whatever others may think about it. I believe in the forgiveness of sins, even though I often live as if I didn't. I believe in the life everlasting, whatever science may think about it. I believe that my life will be stronger, better, and more centered in God's will. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CANTICLE OF THE KINDER *(sing response on the screens) While we sing this song, children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to come forward for a children's sermon, then they are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse.*

WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 420

Breathe on me, Breath of God

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:21-22

Pew Bible New Testament Page 56

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jonathan Schmidt, Piano

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, receive and bless what we offer here! Take us and use us as you would see fit so that we might bring praise and glory unto your name both now and in the year to come.

OFFERTORY

Arr. Lani Smith

Brightest and Best

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*SENDING HYMN

UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Arr. Douglas Wagner

Jubilation

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*Congregation stand as able.

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