

WE TELL OUR STORIES



A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

By Lauren Faust

In the last six years, Student Ministries has helped me grow deeper in my faith, form deep bonds with others, and allowed me to give back to my community. I have been able to go on several mission trips to places like the Dominican Republic and Kentucky, but one of the places that I have seen God moving the most is right here in our community.

I knew a lot about God but didn't know what it meant to have a relationship with him. I went on all the retreats because my friends were going on them, but it was there that I discovered Christ's love for me and learned about what it truly meant to be a child of God. God worked through my amazing leaders and peers to demonstrate what being a follower of Jesus looks like.

These lessons were a catalyst for me in growing in my faith and desiring to know Jesus better. I am now in the student leadership program and am there for the younger students as they grow deeper in their faith. I always looked up to my leaders and attributed a large part of my faith story to them, so it's amazing that I get to do the same thing. I'm so grateful that I get to be a part of God's story in these kids' lives.

ST. LUKE'S INSIDE-OUT HABITS

WE STUDY THE BIBLE AND WORSHIP

John 14:12-17

¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Sermon Notes
October 13, 2019
Greater Works
Third in a Series *The High Impact Life*

- 1) Our mission: live and love like Jesus.
- 2) Collective impact: join the movement
- 3) Inside-Out: the work of the Holy Spirit

Possible next steps for you

- Join the Baptism Guild! Provide assistance and love on Sunday mornings to the families whose children are presented for baptism. Contact: Maureen Paxson (maureenpaxson@gmail.com).
- Help out with our Caregivers Conference this Saturday, October 19, supporting all who are caring for loved ones of any age or illness. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help with set-up, guest services, and clean-up. Contact: Mary Schuler (mschuler@stlukesmethodist.org).

Key verse for the week

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Questions for Conversation and Reflection

What are some things people do in the name of Jesus that are not in the character of Jesus? What part of the Jesus movement do you find yourself drawn to join? Where have you seen transformation in yourself that is a high impact witness?

WE PRAY

Sunday, October 13

Dear God, You know well the struggles I am experiencing and my desire to have these burdens lifted. Help me to look beyond my circumstances and feel the grace of Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and your abounding love. Let my heart remember that no matter what happens today, You and I can handle it together. Amen.

Monday, October 14

Heavenly Father, please be with me as I struggle with a co-worker. Help me to love my neighbor as myself in the image of your blessed son. Amen.

Tuesday, October 15

Heavenly Father, we pray for the safety of our schools. Please keep our children safe and give them a peaceful place where they can focus on learning. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Wednesday, October 16

Gracious God, thank you for your loving presence in our lives. Today please be with those who are in need of your healing power. By your grace, guide their doctors and caregivers to ease their suffering and strengthen them to move forward on the path you

have for them. Let them find relief, peace and rest in your arms. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Thursday, October 17

Dear Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for the gift of song and the ministry of all the people at St. Luke's who share their musical talents to lead us to you. Old and young alike, we sing songs of worship and praise, express our faith, and sometimes sing songs of lament and sorrow. Thank you for those who help to sing the song that you have placed in our hearts. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Friday, October 18

Lord of all things, we praise you and thank you for the beauty of your creation. Thank you for the gift of Fall and cooler days. Thank you for nature and wildlife. Help us to be good stewards of your creation. Amen.

Saturday, October 19

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are currently incarcerated. We pray that you would care for them and give them hope. We pray that you would draw them closer to you and redeem them. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Let's Pray Together

October Prayer Calendars are available in the kiosks in Johnson Gathering, Commons, Fellowship Hall narthex and the Activity Center.

Service of Prayer and Healing | Wednesday, November 6 7-8 p.m. | Chapel

Rev. Thomas Harper leads a time of prayer and communion where we ask God for spiritual and physical healing for you or a loved one.

So many ways to pray...

- Now you can call or text your prayers: 713-228-7033
- Write your prayer request on one of the leaves found in the pew rack
- Visit the interactive prayer wall: StLukesMethodist.org/prayer

If you or someone you know needs prayer, a hospital visit or contact from a minister, call Rev. Bill Denham at 713-402-5156.

WE MAKE FRIENDS

Church Conference | Next Sunday, October 20 | 5 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join us at the Church Conference to consider a plan for a capital campaign in the Fall of 2020. We will vote on a proposed capital campaign committee and a building committee for a community center at Gethsemane. See a draft proposal at StLukesMethodist.org/draft-proposal. We will hear a report from the Trustees and The Foundation, as well as a financial update.

This afternoon! Blessing of the Animals | 3-4 p.m. | Ellipse

This is a perfect time to invite a friend and a furry friend to St. Luke's. All pets are welcome in cages or on leashes.

New Scripture+Shared Study available | *Storytime: the Parables of Jesus*

This fall, Scripture+Shared examines the parables of Jesus and their enduring lessons for us today. Participate in this 6-week study with your small group, or invite a friend to be your "Bible Buddy." Download the **Scripture+Shared app** for weekly videos and daily readings: Subsplash.com/ScriptureShared/app or StLukesMethodist.org/scripture-shared

Program and Luncheon: *How to Avoid the Funeral Trap*

Thursday, October 17 | 11 a.m. -1 p.m. | ES308-313

Ken Lambert, the "funeral negotiator," shares information and tips to help families avoid mistakes and take control of the funeral process. Buffet lunch (\$10) to follow. Registration required for lunch: reservations@stlukesmethodist.org

Bring your children to the theater!

Goldilocks and the Three Bears | Rotunda Theater

Friday, October 18 | 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 19 | 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 20 | 2:30 p.m.

\$10 admission. Purchase tickets: StLukesMethodist.org/goldilocks

Caregiver Conference | Saturday, October 19 | 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Caregiver Conference supports all caregivers of loved ones of any age or illness with specific resources for people caring for those experiencing memory loss. Free to participants, the conference includes breakfast and lunch. Register: <https://www.carepartnerstexas.org/educational-resources/conferences-workshops>. Volunteers needed. Contact Mary Schuler: mschuler@stlukesmethodist.org

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza Open to youth of all ages.

Sunday, October 20 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

To introduce young people to the organ, St. Luke's organists Rob Landes and Jim Roman will show and demonstrate the Sanctuary organ. Kids will get a chance to ask questions, go inside the organ to see how it works, and even get a chance to play it. Following the event is pizza in the Hines Baker Room.

A Beautiful Creation Women's Retreat - In the Spirit of Gratitude

Saturday, November 2 | 8:30 am.-3 p.m.

Join us for a day of workshops and hands-on creativity. Breakfast and lunch are included and childcare is available. Register: StLukesMethodist.org/abc19

WE GIVE OURSELVES AWAY

Commitment Sunday is next Sunday, October 20, and we will rededicate ourselves and our resources to the ministry of Christ on that day. We encourage you to be in prayer for discernment in making your gift to St. Luke's for 2020. Learn more or make a pledge: StLukesMethodist.org/give