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SPIRE

LENT AND EASTER 2020

In the Garden

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Lenten Sermon Series

There are many important gardens in Scripture. Of course, the Garden of Eden is where it all began, but the most significant gardens are encountered in the last few days of Jesus' earthly life. In the Garden of Gethsemane at the base of the Mount of Olives, Jesus surrenders himself to the cross. In that same garden, he is betrayed by his close friend, whom he loves. In that same garden, he heals a soldier who comes at him with a sword. In that same garden, he is deserted by his disciples. In yet another garden near the city, he is buried in a borrowed tomb, and it is in that same garden that Jesus steps out of a tomb of death into life!

The word Gethsemane comes from a phrase meaning "place of the olive press." It was here that olives were pressed into oil. It is here that the world and Jesus' mission press down on him as he cries out to his God in agony. Perhaps you have been pressed down in agony, crying out to your God. If so, Jesus won't desert you.

During this season of Lent, we will consider the events and teachings that happened in these two powerful places. Sunday messages will be:

March 1	The Supper
March 8	The Submission
March 15	The Betrayal
March 22	The Arrest
March 29	The Desertion
April 5 (Palm Sunday)	The Tomb
April 12 (Easter)	Fear and Joy

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Sail Away for Lent

By Dr. Tom Pace, Sr. Pastor

I love adventure movies, particularly ones where the protagonists are exploring or searching unknown territory. *Apollo 13* made me want to be an astronaut, exploring the unknown worlds of space. *The Hunt for Red October* made me want to be a submariner, searching the depths of the ocean. And many years ago, when I was just a kid, I saw *Fantastic Voyage*, where brilliant scientists shrink down a submarine to be injected into the bloodstream of a colleague to save his life. (I may have liked that one particularly because it stars Raquel Welch.) Yes, I want to explore the unknown depths, searching for answers and truth in the mystery of the universe.

Lent is just such a time of exploration. It is a time in which we are called to serious self-exploration, to plumb the depths of our own hearts and souls to see if we can discover the mysteries we have avoided. In his book *What Matters Most*, Leonard Sweet reminds us that the word "astronaut" comes the Greek word for stars – "astron" – and the word for sailing – "naut." An astronaut is one who sails the stars. He challenges us, and this year during Lent I challenge you, to be a pneumanaut – an explorer of your spirit, of your soul, and a cardionaut – an explorer of the depths of your own heart. Here are some questions you can ask yourself as part of that exploration. Make these a part of your prayer conversation with God. (I have chosen six, one for each week of Lent.)

- Why do I believe what I believe about God? Am I absolutely, positively sure, or do I doubt?
- What is my most fervent prayer, that underlies many of my other prayers?
- Do I like who I am, and am I who God made me to be?
- What are the greatest wounds that I carry, and do I have any scars where wounds have actually healed?
- What am I most afraid of, and how could perfect love "cast out fear" in my life? What would I do if I were not afraid? (1 John 4:18)
- In what area of my life and in what way am I not honest with myself?

Bon Voyage on your spiritual sailing!

In the Chapel

Lenten Music for Meditation and Reflection

Thursdays | 12:05 p.m.

St. Luke's annual Lenten recital series features some of Houston's top classical musicians in programs designed to reflect the introspective spirit of Lent. Free admission. A goodwill offering will be received.

February 27	Gosia Goroszewska, pianist
March 5	VOCES8, vocal ensemble
March 12	Alejandro Montiel, classical guitarist
March 19	Marvin Gaspard, pianist
March 26	Laura Witt, harpist, and Melissa Suhr, flautist
April 2	Steven Wiggs, cellist, and Jim Roman, organist and pianist
April 9	St. Luke's Quartet presenting a chanted performance of The Passion of Christ

Lenten Prayer Services

Wednesdays | 7 p.m.

During this season of Lent we encourage you to examine your heart and look for opportunities to renew your covenant with God. St. Luke's has numerous opportunities to prepare for the coming of Holy week through weekly prayer services in the Chapel every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Join us this season as we shift our focus to the cross and the coming of the Resurrection.

March 4	Prayer and Healing Service
March 11	Prayer Walk in a Labyrinth
March 18	A Service with Lectio Divina and a Love Feast
March 25	Prayer and Healing Service
April 1	Prayer Walk – Stations of the Cross
April 8	Washing of the Feet

Lent and Easter at St. Luke's

Ash Wednesday | February 26

7:30 a.m. in the Chapel | 12 and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Palm Sunday | April 5

Traditional Worship 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m. | Contemporary Worship 8:45 a.m.

and

Family Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join us after worship for our family picnic and Easter egg hunt on Blanton Field

See details on page 17.

Maundy Thursday Worship | April 9 | 12 p.m. | Chapel

A chanted reading of the St. John Passion followed by Holy Communion.

and

7 p.m. | Sanctuary

A celebration of the Last Supper | St. Cecilia Choir and Chancel Bells

Good Friday | April 10

Tenebrae | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary

A gradual extinguishing of the light as we remember Christ's Passion

Chancel Choir

and

7 p.m. | Children's Good Friday Worship Service | 2nd Floor Johnson Bldg.

Children K-5th grade experience a service tailored just for them.

Childcare is available for children ages 2 months–PreK.

Holy Saturday | April 11

Anticipation of Easter | 11 a.m. | Chapel

Join Organist and Artist in Residence Rob Landes for this annual musical offering.

Easter Sunday | April 12

Traditional Worship

8, 9, 10:05 and 11:10 a.m. | Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship

9:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Livestream

All worship services will be livestreamed at **StLukesMethodist.org/livestream.**

PASTORS' PICKS

Learning to Walk in the Dark
by Barbara Brown Taylor

This book changed the way I function in my spiritual life in a big way. Darkness is a part of the life of the Christian just as much as light is. Taylor makes the case that we need to learn how to walk in the dark; it's a part of life. God works in the dark and we aren't alone in the dark seasons in which we may find ourselves. Life will get lifey. Dark seasons will come and go. God is still with us.

Rev. Michelle Manuel

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life
by Marjorie Thompson

Soul Feast is a book that came along at an important time in my spiritual journey while I was at seminary. When I was spending all my time reading about God I needed this book to remind me of the importance of intentionally being with God through spiritual practices. This book offers clear and practical discussions on prayer, worship, fasting, self-examination, and hospitality. If you are looking for a devotional to guide you through Lent I would recommend this book.

Rev. Thomas Harper

The Gospel of Mark

I suggest simply reading the Gospel of Mark this Lent. Maybe you've never read it from beginning to end. Now is the perfect time. Why? It's the shortest of the four Gospels, and Mark emphasizes the healing ministry of Jesus. Lent is a time of healing, letting go, and turning around. Those are hard disciplines, but if you let it, the Gospel of Mark can help you.

Rev. David Horton

Jesus
by Walter Wangerin

Reading like a detailed and imaginative biography, this novel is profoundly moving. It helps me imagine the joy Mary might have had when she first saw Jesus, the awe of his cousin John the Baptist when he baptized Jesus, and the grief of his disciples when he was crucified.

Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

To Stop a Warlord
By Shannon Sedgwick Davis

I recommend this true story of how a Christian Texas mom decided to stop the man who committed more atrocities than almost any warlord in history. It is a true story that brings together some unlikely allies and makes us ask questions about the kinds of compromises that must be made for important causes.

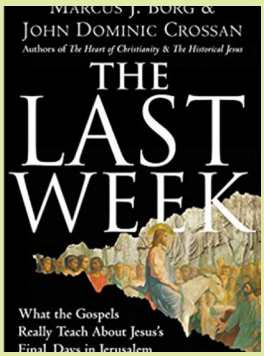
Dr. Tom Pace

Sunday Dinner: The Lord's Supper and the Christian Life
By Bishop William Willimon

If you have ever wanted to fully explore the meaning of the gift of Holy Communion, the season of Lent is a perfect time in which to do it. My understanding of this holy mystery has been enriched as I have studied and taught from this little paperback. It opened my eyes to fully appreciate this holy mystery in a spirit of true celebration. From my perspective, participating in the Lord's Supper is essential in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Read it. You will never participate in this meal the same way again.

Rev. Bill Denham

LENTEN CLASSES



Lenten Study - *The Last Week*

Wednesdays | February 26-April 8 | 9 - 11 a.m. | ES314

Led by Louise McEvoy

Dive DEEP into the cultural and political setting of Jesus' final week in a 7-week study based on the book *The Last Week* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This study is not a casual read—the authors wrote it in response to Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*. Mainly using the Gospel of Mark, Borg and Crossan guide readers through the daily events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Everyone will be challenged, but all will be encouraged to share their viewpoints in class discussions.

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder

Enneagram and the Christian Life

Sundays | March 8, 22, 29; April 19, 26; May 3 | 4-5:30 p.m.

Hines Baker Room | Led by Rev. Michelle Manuel

Join Rev. Michelle Manuel for a 6-week in-depth look into Christian discipleship through the Enneagram. We will study the Christian life: being made in the image of God, our relationships, and how we can deepen our spiritual walk. Participants will interact with various books, podcasts, and Rev. Manuel's teaching. Basic knowledge of the Enneagram is helpful, but not required.

Information: Michelle Manuel at mmanuel@stlukesmethodist.org.

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder

Healing Oils of the Bible | Women of the Word Lunch and Learn

Friday, March 27 |11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Hines Baker Room

Essential oils have become quite popular in recent years. Either you or someone you know uses them, but did you know that some of these oils were used in the Ancient Near East? In Proverbs 21:20 we read: "There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise." Why would possession of oil be a sign of wisdom? There are over 600 references to essential oils and/or the aromatic plants from which they were extracted in the Bible. Why were these oils important during bible times and why are they important to us today? This Lenten season, come experience frankincense, myrrh, sandalwood, cedar wood and other oils of the Bible. We will look at scripture and learn about the healing properties of these revered aromatic oils.

Registration ($15) required: StLukesMethodist.org/wow.

Bible Journaling

Sundays | March 1- April 5 | 4-5:30 p.m. | ES314

Led by Sally Penning

Join us in exploring this creative approach to Bible study as we follow the last days of Jesus' life. We will share techniques and spend time together in God's word. No art experience needed.

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

MEN

Men's Life: Struggles and Victories: Lessons from the Life of the Prophet Elijah
Wednesdays | January 22-April 1 (except March 18)
6:30-7:45 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Led Dr. Tom Pace
Men of all ages are invited to join Dr. Tom Pace for teaching, a light breakfast, and round-table discussion. Elijah had some amazing victories, as well as some moments of great anguish and even depression. And yet, the Bible views him as the model prophet, whose reappearance would mean the Messiah's salvation was imminent. What can we learn about how to live through struggles and victories, trusting God to stand with us no matter what?

Men's Morning Small Group
Thursdays | ongoing | 6:30-7:45 a.m. | ES301
Led by John Holmes
Join men of all ages for study and fellowship on Thursday mornings. This group will study Scripture+Shared *Sermon on the Mount*. All men are welcome!

Downtown Group for Men Ages 25-45

Thursdays | ongoing | 12 - 1 p.m.
Led by Whitney Mears and Barry Alsup
Come join the downtown men's group at lunchtime on Thursdays. The group alternates between book studies and Scripture+Shared.

Men's Pick-Up Basketball Open Gym
Saturdays | 9-11 a.m. | Activity Center
Open to all men of all ages! Play is no-cost, come-as-you-can. Contact Michael Lutter at mlutter12@yahoo.com if interested. No RSVP needed.

WOMEN

God and Girlfriends
Wednesdays | ongoing | 12-1 p.m. | ES306
Led by various members
Throughout the school year, these women gather weekly to study the Bible, encourage each other, and pray. The group includes a variety of ages and professions -- all women are welcome. Current members are in their 40s, 50s, and 60s and range from mothers of young children to grandmothers. Contact Mary Schuler: mschuler@stlukesmethodist.org or 713-402-5008.

Go With Grace
Thursdays | 7:15-8:30 a.m. | Hines Baker Room
Led by Rhonda Ward
Come, learn and grow with other women who are seeking to learn how to live and love as Jesus through Bible study, prayer and fellowship.

The Study: Women, Wisdom and The Word
A small group for women ages 30+
Tuesdays | 12-1 p.m. | ES306
Led by Jennifer Boubel
Join other women ages 30 and above seeking wisdom through Bible and book studies. Led by St. Luke's Chief of Staff, Jennifer Boubel.

Women's Night Circle
Tuesdays | March 17, April 21, May 19
6:30-8 p.m. | ES313
Women of all ages are invited to participate in this multi-generational caring group of praying and supportive women. Contact: Pat Deckert (713-334-6848).

Women's Book Group
2nd Mondays | March 9, May 11
10-11:30 a.m. | ES306
All women who enjoy reading and discussing books are welcome. Each month a book is read and then discussed at the meeting. Books are chosen by members of the group and range from the most contemporary to the classics. Whether you read the entire book, make it part way through, or did not have a chance to read it, everyone is welcome to come join! Contact: Dorothy Voss (713-660-724).

FIND YOUR SMALL GROUP AND REGISTER AT

WHEN LIFE DOESN'T TURN OUT LIKE YOU EXPECT

Revive!

Women's Retreat at St. Luke's | May 1-2

Bring your tribe and get filled-up with the Holy Spirit through inspirational discussions, interactive workshops, and a market with local vendors.

Featuring Keynote Speaker and *New York Times* Bestselling Author Melanie Shankle

StLukesMethodist.org/revive

FOR MOMS

Moms of Littles Bible Study

Mondays | ongoing | 9:15-10:30 a.m. | ES308 and 313 | Led by Julie Ellerbrock and Cindy Donaldson

Want to join a community of other moms to share in the joys and hardships of motherhood? Moms need other moms. We just weren't made to do it alone and together is better. Come join the community! Here is your place to find friendship, community, resources and support. Childcare for your "little" is available with an advance reservation.

Moms' Bible Study

Tuesdays | ongoing | 9:15-10:30 a.m. | ES314 | Led by Julie Ellerbrock and Christy Dulaney

Journey through motherhood together in this weekly Bible study for mothers of children, led by Children's Ministries Director, Julie Ellerbrock. Moms are super busy; yet, we all need time with Christ and time with each other as we journey through motherhood. This commitment is simple – just come. The conversations are rich. The studies are impactful. The relationships formed are life-changing. Childcare is available at no cost to participants with an advance reservation. For more information or to receive a copy of the book or current study, contact Julie Ellerbrock: jellerbrock@stlukesmethodist.org.

Busy Moms' Bible Study

Wednesdays | ongoing | 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | ES309

Led by Lori Fahrbach and Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

Striking a balance between work, motherhood, and all of the other things that fill up our lives can be tough. Bible study may get pushed to the side because it feels like one more thing on the "to do" list... but the truth is that time spent studying scripture and being in fellowship with other women brings refreshment. Join Lori and Katie on Wednesdays at lunchtime for encouragement and meaningful discussion about our faith.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Scripture+Shared | Sermon on the Mount
The 6-week study begins the week of March 1-April 5

It's the most quoted portion of scripture, but how well do you really know what Jesus said in his Sermon on the Mount? Join us for a 6-week study on Jesus' instructions for Christian life. We'll learn more about what it means to live in an upside-down kingdom, how Jesus taught us to pray, and the foundation on which we should build our faith.

- Find a group at StLukesMethodist.org/group-finder or study with your current small group or Sunday School class
- Invite a friend or coworker to be your "Bible Buddy" and use the app to study and exchange thoughts and ideas at a time that is mutually convenient.
- Materials will be available beginning February 23
  To download the Scripture+Shared App, search "Scripture + Shared" (with quotation marks) in your app store, or visit Subsplash.com/ScriptureShared/App in your mobile browser. Download materials at StLukesMethodist.org/scripture-shared

FOUNDATIONS

Great Sunday School Class
9:45 a.m. | ES308
This class is for all ages. Many of the attendees have children involved in Student Ministries at St. Luke's.

Did you grow up hearing about the Bible, but aren't sure how the whole story fits together? We are taking a journey through the whole of the Bible, discovering the overarching themes, and diving into particular texts. Even though we started in the fall, each class is a stand alone learning environment. So don't worry that you're coming in "midstream" (though if you're in the midstream industry, we have those people attending too!). The class includes a brief lecture most often given by William Vanderbloemen, lively Q&A, and a great place for you to find community at St. Luke's. It's a new, growing group, so we are all learning each other and the text as well. Foundations is led by William and Adrienne Vanderbloemen.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

A City-wide ministry for 18-35 year olds
Dinner and Worship: Tuesdays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Meets in St. Luke's Student Ministries Building until Feb. 28
Meets at St. Paul's UMC beginning March 3

With an old Methodist name, the new Epworth League is a city-wide ministry to provide community, foster discipleship, and equip leaders to love their neighbors and serve the Kingdom through local United Methodist churches.
Follow on Instagram: @epworthleaguehtx

TO INVITE A FRIEND

Better Parents, Better People

Parents of Children – Here's your help!

Positive Parenting with Conscious Discipline®

Sunday, March 8 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join Jen Arndt and learn how to create healthy relationships using brain-based practices for social-emotional learning. Conscious Discipline® equips us with the necessary skills to handle upset in any situation. For parents of children PreK-grade 5. Register: StLukesMethodist.org/parenting-with-conscious-discipline

Parents of Students—Here's your help!

The Science of High-Risk Behavior

Sunday, March 8 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Student Ministries

Dr. Crystal Collier, LPC, has created a comprehensive prevention model to teach the neurodevelopmental effects of risky behavior to children, teens and parents. Learn how high-risk behavior affects the growing adolescent brain and the prevention tools to use immediatley at home. For parents of students grades 6-12. No registration necessary.

Come for Easter, Stay for *Sweating the Small Stuff Sermon Series*

"At our house, I like to say that I am in charge of the big decisions, and Dee is in charge of the small ones. I am in charge of things like World Peace and Global Warming, and she handles anything at any lower level than that. The truth is that life is made up mostly of small things—daily challenges like what to have for dinner and taking out the trash. If we think God is not involved in any other of these, then we divorce God from most of our life. After Easter, April 19-May 24, our sermon series is *Sweating the Small Stuff,* and we will discuss how we might discover the presence of God in the small stuff of living."

Dr. Tom Pace

Just for children...

Children's Church | 11 a.m. | 2nd Floor Johnson Bldg.

Kinder-3rd graders are invited to worship alongside Ashley Hymel and Thanushka Lewkebandara of the Contemporary Worship Band. Through praise music, interactive prayer, Bible teaching and engaging activities, children learn more about themselves, their faith, and how we can all live and love like Jesus.

75th Anniversary Piggy Banks

Help us launch our St. Luke's 75th Anniversary Piggy Banks giving initiative! Children's Ministries invites families to give themselves away in service and generosity by collecting $75 (per family) to donate at our church-wide 75th Anniversary Big Event on Sunday, November 15. Each child in Sunday School on February 9 received a piggy bank, however the piggy banks will continue to be available for pickup on Sunday mornings.

2s-PreK Playground Playdate
March 1 | 11 a.m. | Edloe Playground

Families with children ages 2 years old-PreK are invited to play and socialize. We'll have donuts and coffee for parents and snacks for children!

Children's Good Friday Worship Service
April 10 | 7 p.m. | 2nd floor Johnson Building

Children experience a developmentally appropriate service tailored just for them: K-5th graders will anticipate the coming of Christ's resurrection through prayer, activities, and song! Childcare will be available for children ages 2 months – PreK.

VBS SAVE THE DATE | June 8-12

Mark your calendars for June 8-12th, as children ages 2 months–5th grade are invited to join the Knights of the North Castle! 6th graders may also participate in VB6, and Teen Helpers are grades 7-12th. Registration will open March 1. Sign up to volunteer by emailing Charity Autry at slumcvbschair@gmail.com

Palm Sunday Picnic and Egg Hunt
April 5 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Blanton Field

Dress casual, grab your Easter baskets, and bring a pop up tent/blanket for this annual family tradition!

Featuring: Toddlers & Twos Play Area, Egg Hunt, Cake Walk, music from the Contemporary Worship Band, lunch from Skeeter's, face painting, inflatables, and field games.

Online ticket sales begin in March. $10.50 per adult and $5.50 per child (ages 1-12 years) if purchased in advance online and $15 per adult and $10 per child if purchased at the door, the day of the event.

JUST FOR STUDENTS...

Middle School SNL: Rodeo Night | March 8 | 5:30 p.m. | Student Ministries Building
Dress up in your favorite western wear for rodeo themed games, a mechanical bull, and yummy food!

Student Serve: Easter Flower Delivery | April 4 | 1-4 p.m. | Meet in Student Ministry Building
Deliver Easter flowers to our elderly Friends at Home members to remind them they are still loved and valued members of our church family.

All Student Sunday Night Live (SNL): Laser Tag | April 19 | 5:30 p.m. | Student Ministries Building
We'll have Laser Tag and games in the gym between sessions.

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat | April 24-26 | Galveston
We can't wait to celebrate all the hard work this group has dedicated to their faith development over the last three years.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER: STLUKESMETHODIST.ORG/STUDENTS

STUDENTS SUMMER FUN...

Vacation Bible School Teen Helper | June 8-12 | Completed Grades 6-12
Our students partner with Children's Ministries for the most amazing week ever! Teen Helpers are involved of every part of VBS week. We also have lunch and activities Monday-Thursday just for students. It's the most exhausting fun you can have in a week! Cost TBD.

Middle School Blueprint Ministries Mission Trip
June 28-July 2 | Completed Grades 6-7 | $675 until March 15 ($725 after)
We partner with Blueprint in San Antonio and serve through construction projects and house painting. We will also spend time in worship, Bible study, and small group discussion. The trip finishes with a fun day at Schlitterbahn and dinner at The Gristmill!

CIY: Mix | July 26-30 | Completed Grades 6-7 | $900 until March 15 ($950 after)
Mix is four full days of group activities that encourage and challenge middle schoolers to better understand their own spiritual formation. This year, Mix will be at Hope College in Holland, MI.

CIY: Move | June 21-26 | Completed Grades 8-12 | $900 until March 15 ($950 after)
High School students will discover ways God uses them to impact the world at this five-day retreat filled with interactive sessions, dynamic preaching, small group study, and community building at Glorieta Camps in Glorieta, NM.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip | Completed Grades 8-12 | July 14-21 | $2,100
We're excited to return to The DR for the tenth year with GO Ministries in Santiago. Students will spend their time in construction projects, sport camps, or helping run Vacation Bible Schools with partner churches.

Distinguished Life Awards 2020

SUE AND JOHN FARRELL

"I love seeing how much impact the outreach of St. Luke's has on the lives of folks in our community. It has certainly impacted mine." Sue Farrell

"When we see God acting through another person, all we can hope for is that we can be that for someone else." John Farrell

Sue and John Farrell arrived at St. Luke's in 1979. They had a young family and were looking for a church with great preaching, music, and a wonderful children's program. Dr. Walter Underwood was the pastor and their children loved Sunday School. The Farrells started in the Voyagers Sunday School class for "young couples," and eventually, in 2000 transitioned to the Randy Smith Bible Study Class.

John, who is a retired architect, would come to serve and chair the Buildings and Grounds Committee three times over the years. In 1982, Dr. Jim Moore told him that the Fellowship Hall looked "tired" and asked him to help fix it up. So began decades of pro bono service to the original building and several additions and renovations. John was also called to serve on the Finance Committee and the Board of Stewards and was the Board of Stewards Chair in 2000. He felt that that assignment was the most impactful because he got to see firsthand the range of all the incredible things that God was doing through St. Luke's and share it with the congregation.

In 2012 "What if..." a major building campaign, launched under the "courageous and gutsy leadership of Tom Pace." As Building Committee Chair John would oversee that project from initial drawings to the ribbon-cutting on Fellowship Walk in 2016.

"I love seeing how much impact the outreach of St. Luke's has on the lives of folks in our community. It has certainly impacted mine." Sue Farrell

Sue began her service on the staff in 1999 as Wedding Coordinator. Working for years with mothers, daughters and friends of all ages through the Round Top Retreat led to a desire to bring that awesome fellowship home to St. Luke's, and the start of Women's Ministry, which she would lead.

What really makes Sue's heart beat faster is her work with Outreach. Chairing the Houston Project Committee was a highlight as she visited and connected with the amazing kingdom-minded non-profits.

As a couple, John and Sue lead the Wroxton Small Group and are eager to see where God will lead them next in service to his Kingdom and this church.

MARY AND JIM HENDERSON

"One of my most influential faith mentors, Joe Eason, gave me this advice, 'When St. Luke's calls, you just say yes' and so that is what I have done." Jim Henderson

"So many people supported me, and God was with me, and I managed to grow when I stepped up. In the end, we always got more out of serving than those we served." Mary Henderson

Like so many others, Mary and Jim Henderson came to St. Luke's because someone invited them. Jim worked at Methodist Hospital, and two of his colleagues asked them to attend the Adult Bible Study Class taught by Randy Smith. Shortly thereafter, Walter Underwood, who was Pastor at First Methodist Church in Fort Worth, was called to St. Luke's. Since that was the same Fort Worth church Jim had grown up in, they saw this as

their own calling, and on Confirmation Sunday in 1976, the Hendersons joined St. Luke's and quickly became involved and active in many areas of congregational life.

Mary loved being in the Circles of the United Methodist Women and grew in the closeness and nurture of the strong, wise and faithful women who became her lifelong mentors and friends. It made a large church feel small and also prepared her for leadership in the UMW in the years to come.

Mary went on to serve in the Hospitality, Stewardship, Capital Campaigns, Worship and Caring ministries and the Houston Project as well as the Church Lay Leader and a member of the Executive Committee. "I did not think I could do many of the things that were required in these roles — like speaking to large groups. Yet, so many people supported me, and God was with me, and I managed to grow when I stepped up. In the end, we always got more out of serving than those we served."

Jim views Walter Underwood, Jim Moore, Randy Smith and Joe Eason as his most influential faith mentors. Joe gave him the advice, "when St. Luke's calls, you just say yes." A natural teacher, he started out teaching Student Sunday School and then moved on to young couples. He recalls that a young group he helped start and organize had to be "married, engaged, or serious." Having come full circle, today Jim teaches the Randy Smith Class — the same class renamed in Randy's honor and memory that he and Mary had joined over four decades earlier. Over those years, he also served as leader of the Stewardship Campaign and Board Chair, among many other positions. He decided that he wanted to come forward to re-dedicate his life to Christ and the church on the Sunday he was to begin his leadership of the Board. He invited and encouraged others to join him. Well over 50 people came down the aisle after him that day. It was a "wow" moment that he will always cherish.

The Hendersons are thrilled to see the next generation of leaders coming forward. Their advice to them is simply stated: "When St. Luke's calls, just say YES!"

MARIAN ROPER

"Get involved with what interests you; if it's children, do that! If it's outreach to the community, do that! The needs of our church are so different now, and I'm proud that St. Luke's and Gethsemane see that. Our Gethsemane teens are such a wonderful group! I call their names every day as I pray because they are so special." Marian Roper

Marian and her husband and two daughters came to Gethsemane in 1956 when it still met in temporary quarters. After the church was constructed, Marian served as a Sunday School teacher, and in the mid-1960s ran VBS, which she said was "a very big undertaking."

Later, Marian was drawn to Women's Ministry, and she became a charter member of the WSCS, the Women's Society of Christian Service, which became the UMW. When she served as WSCS President, and she felt her strongest bond to the church. Her advice: "Get involved with what interests you; if it's children, do that! If it's outreach to the community- do that! The needs of the church are so different now, and I'm proud that St. Luke's and Gethsemane see that. It used to be all about setting up worship in the 50s, but our neighborhood and congregation have changed so much and there are families with young ones that need our assistance."

She also remembers a very moving church service where people were giving their witness, and her husband gave his. It is a big moment in her faith journey that she will never forget. In the late 80s, Marian's husband became ill and died in 1989. She joined the Discoverers (an Adult Sunday School class for singles) and later the Questers, and served as president of each. Leadership is a gift in Marian and she has shared that gift so faithfully with her church.

When you unite with a church for 64 years, you see a lot of pastors came and go and Marian has appreciated each one. "Founding Pastor, Keith Kallow, James Lee Riley, Dick Jenkins, Jack Albright, Gus Browning and when the merger with St. Luke's came, Justin Coleman who was perfect for that change. And David? You just can't beat David Horton. Our Gethsemane teens are such a wonderful group! I call their names every day as I pray because they are so special. I want their faith to grow. It's hard to imagine anyone without faith. Tragedy will come someday, so build on it. Everywhere you go, God is present."

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

WE GIVE OURSELVES AWAY

Join the Serve75 Challenge!

Pick up a copy of the Serve75 book or download a copy from StLukesMethodist.org/75, your guide to service opportunities throughout the city of Houston. During this 75th Anniversary year, St. Luke's would love for every person and family to find new and impactful ways to serve others.

Helpful tips and hints:

- Do whatever you can —There is not a number we are trying to achieve nor a certain amount of hours expected. We simply want to encourage everyone to do more while exploring all of the incredible things happening in our city.
- Lots of options – the book includes a wide range of opportunities, but is not an exhaustive list. We know many of you are involved in multiple organizations outside of the 75 listed here and that's wonderful! Please include those on your tracking sheet as you document, for we would love to know about all of the incredible work our congregation is doing.
- Contact the organization – once you identify the organization with which you would like to serve, find the contact information listed and let them know you would like to help. They will be ready for you!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Through the generosity and faithful support of our church family, the 1,291 pledges we received over the past three months totaling $9,039,331.23 will fund 2020 church operations, ministries and programs. We are thankful for your commitment to St. Luke's and for the blessings that will flow from your generosity.

Kristin and Lance Reynolds
2019 Generosity Chairs

Kelly Beth and Charlie Hapgood
2020 Generosity Chairs-Elect

IN GENEROSITY AND SERVICE

How You Benefit from Philanthropy

A group of researchers recently concluded that the public health, social service, and medical worlds would be wise to encourage volunteering as part of a healthy lifestyle. To those of us who engage in regular humanitarian efforts, it probably comes as no surprise that philanthropy is beneficial. However, most of us do not realize the extent of its impact.

Over the years, quite a few researchers have explored the effects volunteering can have on the volunteer. On average, people who volunteer experience better physical health than those who do not participate in community service. One example of this is a correlation between volunteer hours and decreased blood pressure. As little as 100 hours of volunteering annually may significantly decrease your blood pressure. Even more interesting, the results on much of the research were only true if the volunteers were motivated by altruism -- and not to meet any type of requirement or personal gain.

In addition, research has seen an increase in the average life span for those who volunteer from the heart and a decrease in pain intensity in those with chronic pain or serious illness who engage in regular volunteering.

Beyond physical health, volunteering connects us to people with similar values and interests, gives us a sense of purpose, allows us to develop valuable and applicable skills, builds confidence, and offers us perspective. Researchers have found significant decreases in levels of stress, anxiety and symptoms of depression for those who engage in philanthropic endeavors.

Volunteering is also associated with improved social skills and increased self-confidence related to gaining a sense of being needed, having a purpose and feeling valued and accomplished.

With all of these benefits there is no need to wonder why researchers have suggested it as a part of a healthy lifestyle. If you arwlooking for ways to increase your involvement in our community, the St. Luke's Serve 75 handbook covers a multitude of opportunities. If supporting mental health care holds a special place in your heart, I invite you to our 10th Annual Crawfish Boil on Saturday, April 4, from 1-5 p.m. at West Alabama Ice House, either as a patron or volunteer. The proceeds from this event will help St. Luke's counseling ministry, The Nick Finnegan Counseling Center, further its mission to provide affordable and accessible counseling services to anyone regardless of differences such as age, finances or beliefs. If you are interested in attending or volunteering at the event, call Mary Elizabeth Hand at 713-402-5036 or visit: finnegancounseling.org/crawfish-boil.

By Tracy Lehman, LMFT
Community Outreach Counselor, Nick Finnegan Counseling Center

Easter Offering 2020 Benefits PM Pals

PM Pals, St. Luke's "kids night out" program for families of children with special needs and their siblings, is celebrating its 15th birthday.

At PM Pals, each child is paired with an adult volunteer "pal" for the evening. Together, they participate in games and crafts, and experience special visitors like magicians, or a visit from a pet ministry. PM Pals is held one Friday night each month at no cost to church members and the community and allows parents a much needed opportunity for a night out to reconnect with each other and rest.

Make a gift to PM Pals at StLukesMethodist.org/easter or look for the Easter Offering envelopes in the pews.

To learn more about how you can be involved as a volunteer or as parents of a special needs child, contact Bevin Barrett at 713-402-5053 or pmpals@stlukesmethodist.org.

Share the joy and deliver a plant to a Friends at Home member

Sunday, April 5
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fellowship Walk

Be a part of this St. Luke's tradition! Come select a plant and delivery instructions.

Contact Shelley Quillin:
713-402-5033 or
squillin@stlukesmethodist.org

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Day Trip: Volunteer at Small Steps Nurturing Center
Thursday, February 27 | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Spend the morning visiting and volunteering at Small Steps Nurturing Center on Jensen and learn about the organization that is parnering with St. Luke's to open apre-school at Gethsemane. Lunch on your own at the Original Ninfa's. (Waitlist only)

Savvy Caregiver Class | Five-session program
Sundays | March 1-29 | 3:30-5:30 p.m. | ES301
Amazing Place offers this free program to help caregivers and family members of those with dementia and memory loss. Registration required: Sharon Cantrell, Caregiver Educator with Amazing Place (scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org or 713-440-8177)

Program and Luncheon: Lenten Music in the Chapel
Thursday, March 12 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | ES308 and ES313
In a change from our usual pattern, join the group for a buffet lunch ($12) on the 3rd floor of the Johnson Building before the weekly Lenten music program in the Chapel. Advance registration required for lunch.

Day Trip: Bluebonnets, Dairy Cows and a Farmers' Market
Thursday, March 19 | 8:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. | Picnic Lunch
Cost: TBD
Spend a Spring day on a trip to LaGrange. After a picnic lunch at Jersey Barnyard, tour the working dairy farm, take a hayride and enjoy some time on the porch. Stop at Dilorio's Farm and Roadside Market in Hempstead where there is plenty of farm fresh produce to purchase! Advance registration required.

Afternoon at the Movies: *The Two Popes*
Monday, March 30 | 1:30 p.m. | Rotunda Theater
Inspired by true events, *The Two Popes*, released in late 2019, takes viewers behind the Vatican walls where Pope Benedict and the future Pope Francis work to set aside differences as they try to forge a new path for the Catholic Church. Snacks provided. Reservations not required but appreciated.

Binder for Life
Three-session program on Tuesdays | March 31–April 14
6- 7:30 p.m. | ES314 | $15 supply fee per person payable at first class | Led by Mary Schuler and Tina Melo
A class for all who want to ensure that loved ones have the documents needed to manage their affairs. Class does not provide financial, tax, legal or medical advice. Registration required.

Passion Week Experience at Second Baptist Church
Thursday, April 9 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Begin the morning with breakfast (on your own) at Buffalo Grille and then experience the Stations of the Cross at the annual Passion Week Experience at Second Baptist Church on Woodway. Return to St. Luke's in time to attend the Maundy Thursday12 p.m. service in the Chapel. Registration required.

Program and Luncheon:
Millennial Speak – What's it all mean?
Thursday, April 16 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | ES308 and ES313
Insta and Twitter, emojis and GIFs, "new" words and phrases, Uber and Lyft … Each generation has tension with the ones that come behind it, but what could divide us actually unites us. Come for a fun and engaing interpretation of the Millennial Generation with Rev. Michelle Manuel. Buffet lunch ($12) after the program. Advance registration required for lunch.

AARP Smart DriverTEK
Monday, April 27 | 12:30-2 p.m. | ES311
This new, 90-minute workshop is free and is an easy and interactive way to stay up to date on the safety features in your current or future car. Register: AARP.org/smartdrivertek6.

Holy Yoga for the Wise: A Yoga Class for those 60+
Mondays | 9:30 a.m. | ES311
Holy Yoga classes designed specifically for persons 60 years and better. Suggested donation: $10 per class. Bring your own mat if you have one.

Gethsemane Silver Circle
Wednesdays, February 26 and March 25, April 23, May 28
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Gethsemane Campus
Enjoy a morning of games and conversation with lunch and birthday celebrations at noon. Cost for lunch is $5. Reservations: Betsy Evans (281-565-0348)

Bridge and Games Groups
Monday Mah Jongg (except 2nd) | 10-12:30 a.m. | ES309
Contact: Lori Wilson-Reynolds (713-665-3553)

Monday Bridge | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | ES309
Contact: Kathy Austin (713-252-6727)

Register for Senior Adult Ministries events
stlukesmethodist.org/events | 713-402-5105 |email: reservations@stlukesmethodist.org

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

VOCES8 in Concert: Choral Dances
Sunday, March 8 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary
Britain's internationally-acclaimed vocal ensemble VOCES8 returns to St. Luke's for an evening of exquisite music. Since the first music was created, music and dance have been constantly entwined. From chapels and courts to cinemas and clubs, this program rejoices in choral music inspired by dance. Juxtaposing Renaissance music with jazz and pop creates a rare mix of the ethereal and angelic, along with pure foot-tapping fun: a showcase for VOCES8's inimitable stage presence. Featuring a special collaboration with our newest ensemble SONOS, a chamber choir drawn from the Pure Sound Youth Choir, directed by Justin Bair.
Tickets: StLukesMethodist.org/voces8

Organist David Briggs in Concert
Sunday, March 29 | 5 p.m. | Sanctuary
The Department of Music and Fine Arts at St. Luke's, in partnership with the Houston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the University of Houston's Moores School of Music Organ Department, welcomes internationally-renowned organist David Briggs to our Sanctuary. Critics and concertgoers worldwide acclaim David's performances for their musicality, virtuosity, and ability to excite and engage audiences of all ages. He is consistently ranked as one of the finest organists of his generation and is hailed as an intrepid improviser.
Free admission, with a reception following in the Hines Baker Room.

Pure Sound Youth Choir presents *The Little Mermaid*
Wednesday-Saturday, May 6-9 | 7:30 p.m.,
Matinees Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10 | 2:30 p.m.
General Admission ($15) Students ($10) Children 8 and under ($5) Tickets on sale on or before March 1:
StLukesMethodist.org/littlemermaid

Register now for the Jerry Eckles Music Theater Camp
Monday-Friday | June 15-19 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
plus a 6 p.m. Friday evening performance and one on Saturday (time TBD).
The Bridges Academy of Fine Arts at St. Luke's is enrolling now for their annual Jerry Eckles Music Theater Camp, where camp participants will present a one-hour "Jr" version of the hit Broadway musical *Seussical!* Enrollment is open to students entering grades 3-9. Register: BridgesFineArts.org/seussical

Featured Artists in the Rotunda Gallery
This spring we welcome two new guest artists to our gallery– Melba Lee in March and Jamar Simien in May. And we're pleased to welcome back Catherine Herring for her second Rotunda Gallery appearance in April!
The gallery is located next to the Fellowship Hall and is open for viewing during all hours that the building is open. A portion of gallery proceeds helps to fund the growth and maintenance of the permanent art collection at St. Luke's.
Information: Randy Murrow (rmurrow@stlukesmethodist.org)

Lenten Flower Dedications

Your contribution to the Lenten Flowers is a wonderful way to remember or honor your loved ones. The seasonal decorations are a beautiful enhancement to our worship experience. Contributions are welcome in any amount (we suggest a minimum of $30) and will be accepted through Friday, March 27. Dedications will be acknowledged in the worship bulletins on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. You may pick up a donation form at the church, donate online through your member account, or email Grace Roman at groman@stlukesmethodist.org.

CELEBRATING LIVES

GETHSEMANE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM
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Mary Frances Platt by
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June Moore
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Sylvia and Ed Ashbaugh
Sherry Tesch
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On Sunday, January 26, 2020 at our Family Reunion Church Conference, we elected the following leaders to our Governance Committees. We are grateful for their leadership and commitment to St. Luke's.

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Gethsemane
CHURCH

February 26 | Ash Wednesday
7-9 a.m. Ashes to Go (6856 Bellaire Blvd.)
7 p.m. Worship in the Gethsemane Sanctuary

Children's Movie Outing | Wednesday, March 18
Gethsemane children are going to the movies to see *ONWARD*. Transportation provided.

March 29 | 5th Sunday Kinship Celebration | 10:30 a.m. | Gethsemane Sanctuary
All of Gethsemane's worshiping communities will come together to worship in kinship and love.

April 5 | Palm Sunday at Gethsemane
Traditional Worship | 9 a.m. | Gethsemane Sanctuary
Break Bread Brunch | 10 a.m. | Canterbury Hall
Comunidad Cristiana Oasis | 11 a.m. | Gethsemane Sanctuary
Emerge Worship | 11 a.m. |The Café
Baragumu Worship | 11 a.m. | Canterbury Hall
Love Feast Boxes: During Holy Week, Gethsemane families share in The Love Feast Meal with family, friends or even strangers. This is a special tradition of love and remembrance.

April 9 | Maundy Thursday
Egg Stuffing Volunteers Needed | 5:30 p.m. | Room 1110

Maundy Thursday Worship Bus will depart Gethsemane at 6:30 p.m. for 7 p.m. worship at St. Luke's.
Reserve your seat by contacting the Gethsemane front office: 713-357-4462

April 10 | Good Friday | 6:30 p.m. | Gethsemane Sanctuary
Gethsemane will have a service commemorating Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
The children will have their own version of the last supper in Room 1110.

April 11 | Children's Service | 10 a.m. | Gethsemane
Join us for a hands-on arts and activities worship service to engage children to engage in the meaning of Easter.

April 12 | Easter Sunday at Gethsemane
9 a.m. Traditional Worship
11 a.m. Oasis Worship
11 a.m. Emerge Worship
11 a.m. African Fellowship
No Sunday School
Sandwich Bar and Egg Hunt, 12:30 p.m.
All are invited to an old fashioned picnic and children's egg hunt to celebrate our Risen Lord.

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