



ST. LUKE NEWS



August & September Edition

2025



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Summer Highlights at St. Luke UMC! ☀️ We kicked off the season with **Pride in the Park**, hit the road with **VBS: On a Road Trip with God**, and celebrated **St. Luke's birthday** in true festive style! We also had the joy of hosting **Open Arms** for their Game night, making this a summer to remember—full of joy, faith, and community.



My name is Amy Moore, and grew up attending the United Methodist Church in Abilene, Bronte and Lakeview UMC here in San Angelo. I have worked at a United Methodist Church facility since 1993. The last 27 years I have been the Operations Manager at the San Angelo/West District Office of the UMC. I attended the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) certification course in 2007 and remained a member and continued my course of study until 2024 as a Certified Administrator. I am happy to be continuing with St. Luke UMC on my journey. I have been married to Eddie for 38 years, and we have 2 children and 7 grandchildren.



PASTOR'S PEN

We're heading into that wonderful in-between season — still clinging to summer's warmth, yet catching glimpses of a fresh fall rhythm. At St. Luke, we're embracing the moment with joy, blessing, and a few new beginnings.

On August 10, we'll celebrate our Blessing of the Backpacks during the 11:00 service — praying over students, teachers, and school staff as they head into a new academic year. It'll be a joyful morning, complete with special tags, warm smiles, and a reminder that our children and educators are not alone. We've got a few surprises in store... and even a new friend to introduce: Luka, our children's ministry mascot! Luka will help remind us that St. Luke is a place where little hands do big things. On that date, Children's Church will launch during the 11:00 service — a short, fun, faith-filled time for our kids to gather, worship, and learn in their own way.

Behind the scenes, we're also welcoming a new leadership team in the church office. Amy Moore joins us as our new Office Manager, bringing a gracious spirit and a heart for hospitality. And thanks to a conference grant, Alicia Lea has stepped into a brand-new role as our Children & Connections Ministry Assistant, helping us grow ministries with children, families, and the wider community. These roles reflect our commitment to staying organized, hospitable, and joyfully focused on the future. This is a slow transition to their new positions. Amy is coming from our District Office and will be working closely with Rio Texas staff to transition from 7 districts to 3 through the rest of the year. In the meantime, she and Alicia will share the load, and our office will be closed to the public on Friday. Come September, our CCDC preschoolers will be back on campus every weekday! And we can't WAIT to welcome them. Please keep the staff and families in prayer as they gear up and get ready.

As we move toward autumn, we encourage you to end the summer well:

Rest when you can. Worship often. Take joy in the small things.

And then — let's get ready to venture into new spaces and places together as a church family.

We're not just filling up the calendar — we're gathering with intention, making room for laughter, learning, and God's light. Whether you're teaching, crafting, praying, playing, planning, or just showing up faithfully — it all matters. It all belongs.

As always, God is in the details.

Onward!

Pastor Janet



AUGUST &
SEPTEMBER

August Birthdays

James Farris 5th
Ellen Groth 10th
Addi Jenkins 18th
Brandi Lloyd 21st
Kathy Ward 25th
Chett Short 27th

September Birthdays

Jason Foreman 1st
Martin Robert's 7th
Laura Washington 8th
Ginger Turner 10th
Sandra Robert's 19th
Camille Rey 26th

St.Luke Budget Acct.

August 1, 2025

INCOME:

Pledged Giving: \$60,455.95
Unpledged Giving: \$17,392.07
Miscellaneous Giving: \$0.00
Total Income: \$77,848.02

EXPENSES:

Administrative Expenses: \$8,545.38
Building and Grounds: \$44,281.45
Staff Salaries: \$30,373.15
Programs: \$246.61
Apportionments, Outreach, etc.: \$254.62
Total Expenses: \$83,370.22

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hello St. Luke Family,

My name is Alicia Lea and most of you know that I've been the Office Manager for two years. I am transitioning from that role to Children's and Connections Ministry Assistant (through a UMC grant) and am so excited! I have a deep love for Jesus, a heart for children, and a growing sense of joy about where God is leading us next. I will be engaging on Sunday mornings with our 11 am online audience, working to amp up our Facebook presence, Instagram presence, and communications throughout our system.

For the children's ministry: this new season is all about connection—between children and their faith, between families and the church, and between each of us as we grow together in Christ. Sunday School will continue with the faithful leadership of Linda Curtis, and I'm grateful to be joining the team to help nurture and support what's already beautiful while also exploring new ways to welcome, encourage, and inspire. We'll be starting something new on Backpack Sunday — a short children's church time where kids can go out of the sanctuary during the sermon and have a worship moment of their very own.

We've already welcomed a new member of the team—Luka, our lovable patchwork "very beary" mascot! Luka is a playful spin on "Luke," reminding us that St. Luke was a friend to all and a leader in sharing Christ's light. That's the heart of our next chapter in children's ministry at Luka's Table: building friendships, growing in Christ's love, and partnering with children as they discover their unique purpose in God's story. Because around here, little hands really do big things.

Luka's Table: Where little hands do big things!

Join us on **Sunday, August 10 at 11:00 a.m.** at St. Luke UMC for our **Blessing of the Backpacks** —a special worship moment where children (and grown-ups too!) can bring their backpacks, tote bags, lunchboxes, or even imaginary jetpacks to receive a prayer of encouragement and love as the new school year begins. But wait... there's more!

We'll also be **introducing Children's Church**, just for kids—full of music, movement, giggles, wonder, and friendship. And... drumroll please... **Meet Luka!** Luka is our very *beary* special new mascot—lovable, patchworky, and full of faith. Luka reminds us that everyone belongs, every piece matters, and that **"little hands can do big things."**





ST. LUKE

Child Development Center

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Staff Training August 18-22
- Meet-The-Teacher August 25 @ 5 pm
- First Day of School September 3
- We still have openings for all age groups.

Please go to stlukeumcsa.com/ccdc to register.

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UMC NEWS

Giving Methodist women their due

By Jim Patterson July 16, 2025 | UM News



Holding hands during a service of appreciation for African Americans who stayed in the church despite institutional racism at The United Methodist Church's 2004 General Conference in Pittsburgh are, from left: Anne Marshall of the church's Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns; Juanita Bryant of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Jerry Ruth Williams; the Rev. Larry Pickens; and Bishops Violet L. Fisher and Charlene P. Kammerer. File photo by Mike DuBose.

Key points:

- **The women who were first through the door to become leaders in The United Methodist Church haven't gotten the recognition they deserve, say two historians who've edited a book to start correcting that situation.**
- **"Southern Methodist Women and Social Justice" features profiles of Mary McLeod Bethune, Bishops Charlene Kammerer and Leontine T.C. Kelly and six others.**
- **The book was intended for classroom use but has fascinating stories that would appeal to more general readers.**

Read the full article at: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/giving-methodist-women-their-due>

Trust clause stands as connectional cornerstone

Commentary by the Rev. Dr. Luan-Vu "Lui" Tran July 16, 2025 | (UM News)



Key points:

- **The trust clause has been key to shaping the church's connectional identity and preserving its unity.**
- **Legally, it defines the limits of local church autonomy and ensures that property is held in trust for the denomination.**
- **Theologically, it reflects the shared mission and covenantal identity of the church.**
- **While it has been tested during a heavy period of property disputes, the trust clause remains a cornerstone of the church today.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Cancer Companions @10:30am
(EVERY 2ND & 4TH SAT OF EVERY MONTH)**

BACKPACK SUNDAY- AUGUST 10, 2025

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, OFFICE CLOSED

TEXAS RAMP MINISTRY PROJECT - SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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connections and care. Let's do this together!*

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**Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-3:30pm
Friday: CLOSED**