

SAINT LUKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EPISTLE

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St. Luke Women Presbyterian Women will gather for a brunch and Bible study on Wednesday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. **Nona Fulton and Susan Barnes** will provide the meal, followed by a devotional led by **Mary Holmlund**. The group will explore Lesson #7, “The Woman Who Was Bent Over” from The Horizons Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ. All women of St. Luke are warmly invited to attend. Presbyterian Women collected \$337 on Souper Bowl Sunday and the funds will go to Blessing Box.



Men’s Breakfast

The monthly men’s breakfast will be held on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 a.m. at Hud’s, 4411 Bell. A devotional will be presented by whomever the Spirit chooses. All men of the church are invited to attend and join in fellowship and breakfast burrito enjoyment.

You are invited to attend a Lenten Bible study based on *The Last Supper*, by Will Willimon. This is a joint class with St. Luke and AUMC, taking place on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. Feb. 25- April 1. The class will be led by **Rev. Karan Carlton** and the study guides are available from Cokesbury or Amazon. We hope to see you there.



Lenten/Easter schedule

March 1 - Second Sunday of Lent. Communion will be celebrated.

March 8 - Third Sunday of Lent

March 15 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Communion service with AUMC at 6 p.m.

April 3 - Good Friday service with AUMC at 6 p.m.

April 5 - Easter Celebration of the Risen Lord at 11 a.m. Flowering of the cross. Bring a blossom to decorate the cross in the sanctuary.

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Young at Heart



Young at Heart will meet March 18th at 12pm. **Cindy Sheets** will share information about the nonprofit organization-**Fill with Hope**. It provides Hope-Totes packed with food for children within the Canyon ISD school district. They serve elementary, intermediate, junior high, and senior high students. Bring your own brown-bag lunch if you'd like, and we hope to see you there – all are welcome to this monthly speaker series!

SLY – Saint Luke Youth is getting a fresh new start. We're planning monthly multigenerational gatherings where our church family can enjoy fellowship, fun, and opportunities to learn from and mentor one another.

Whether you were part of SLY, LOGOS, or GAP, or you're simply looking for more ways to connect, we'd love for you to join us. Watch the church calendar and newsletter for updates as we roll out new family-friendly activities for our congregation.

Lost & Found Overflowing

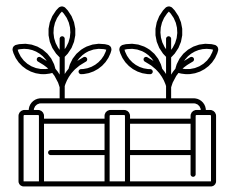
Our Lost & Found outside the nursery is overflowing. Please take a moment to stop by and see if anything belongs to you. We'll be cleaning it out soon, and any unclaimed items will be donated.

Thanks, Property



Freedom Gardens is beginning installation of our new raised garden beds. These 3-foot-tall beds are designed to make gardening more accessible and comfortable for everyone—no bending required.

We want our whole community to enjoy this space, so feel free to join us and share in the excitement as we get started. If you'd like to help in a simple way, you can drop empty milk jugs in the fellowship hall, and they'll be taken care of from there.



WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US



St. Luke
Presbyterian

CHURCH WORKDAY



SATURDAY
MARCH 14, 2026



9 AM - 12 PM

For more
information contact
Sam Burnett
806.433.2835

After the work is done, we'll gather for food and fellowship. Even if you're unable to participate in the work activities, we hope you'll still come for the fellowship—this is a wonderful time to enjoy community together.

The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was a huge success, with large attendance and plenty of food and fellowship. Thanks go to all who made it possible: the Fellowship Committee, those who brought food and drink, the setter-uppers and the cleaner-uppers, and our own Pancake Impresario, **Bob Hansen**. As of Wednesday, a total of \$434.21 had been received in donations that will go to St. Luke's Blessing Box.

What a wonderful way to spread warmth across the WT campus on Valentine's Day. Hand-knitted scarves and hats crafted by **Berlin McIntosh** brought smiles to students, faculty, and staff all across campus.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



If your birthday is not listed or if there is an error, please call the church office.

Do you have a birthday coming up? The Endowment Committee encourages you to celebrate your birthday and the church together by donating the amount of your age. Your gift is added to St. Luke's Perpetual Endowment Fund to continue the mission of the church in years to come.

Clerk's Report

1. December 2025 average attendance for worship - 50
2. Active membership as of December 31st - 140
3. Communion was celebrated on January 4, 2026
4. Approved the 2025 St. Luke Statistical Report.

With Love and Remembrance

Judy Conner passed away on January 23 at the age of 79. She was a dear lady and faithful member. She will be especially missed by her loyal friend Mary Holmlund.



Elder **Tim Sougstad** joined the Church Triumphant on February 15. As much of his family lives far away, services will be held at a later date. Tim's kindness, dedication to his students and St. Luke and jaunty bow ties will be missed.

Delma Wingo passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of February 18th, 2026. She asked that the family express her deep appreciation for the love and care shown to her over the last 15 years by the St. Luke congregation. She especially enjoyed the visits and the singing group that would come and sing for her.

Post Scripts

The residents where **Sallie Amason** lives recognized her for her caring, compassion, and love she gives them. They voted her as The Sweetheart of the Talmage. This is no surprise to Sallie's St. Luke family. Congratulations!

The **Cotman family** would like to thank the church Property Committee, who have been working on repairing and replacing several things at the manse since the beginning of the new year. Thanks so much - we appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Pastor Bill, Teresa, and Muriel



THANK YOU

for your faithful giving!

Detailed financial reports are always available for review by church members. Stop by the church office during regular hours and request to examine the previous month's financial documents.

For 1 Month of the Year

Our Blessing Box is being used. This will be a collaboration between both congregations. There is a tote in fellowship hall for overflow donations. Please see blessing box for list of suggestions. AATAG has started the low barrier food distribution and welcomes any donation or volunteers. We work on Monday 4pm to 9pm and Friday 4pm to 9pm at 202 S Louisiana.



Blessing Box

Non-Perishable Food Items:

- Dry pancake mix, rice, and pasta
- Dried fruit and nuts
- Crackers, granola bars, cereal, and instant oatmeal packets
- Individually packaged foods such as fruit cups, snack mixes, etc.
- One-box meals
- Kitchen staples (flour, sugar, etc.)
- Shelf-stable milk
- Nutritional shakes / protein drinks
- Baby food
- Nut butter (avoid when hot)
- Canned goods and sodas (safe between 34°F and 85°F outside)

Household and Hygiene Items:

- Can openers and small kitchen utensils (spatulas, measuring cups, spoons, etc.)
- Personal hygiene supplies such as shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine care products, etc.
- Laundry supplies
- Toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissues
- Baby supplies (lotion, diaper cream, diapers, wipes, bath supplies, etc.)
- Hats, gloves, and scarves (only during winter, and no other clothing)



Farkle Fun

“But I don’t gamble.” Neither do we; we use dice as a way to have conversations with our friends, old and new. FARKLE gametime at St. Luke is held on the **last Tuesday afternoon every month**. Join us at 2:00p.m. for fellowship.



2026 Standing Committees

Christian Education, David Hoy
 Congregational Care, Mary Holmlund
 Fellowship, Mary McCracken
 Stewardship, Julie Johnson
 Mission/Outreach, Karen Sandlin
 Property, Sam Burnett, Kaci Jones
 Endowment, David Hoy
 Scholarship,
 Worship, Priscilla Sheets
 Treasurer, Julie Johnson
 Clerk of Session, Jennifer Denham

Dear brothers and sisters, stand firm, be strong and immovable. Always give yourselves enthusiastically to the work of the Lord, because you know that everything you do for him is worthwhile. 1st Corinthians 15:58

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since the last Epistle, we are grieving the loss of Judy Conner and Tim Sougstad. As Christians, we know that all good things come from God, and we humbly ask God for help when challenges inevitably come. In all circumstances we ask God for mercy, wisdom, and discernment, all the while knowing that if we are not in the midst of some challenge, one is waiting just around the bend.

We will be well into the Season of Lent by the time you read this. Some will have shared pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and received ashes the next day. Many of you have found that active participation in the body of Christ that we call Saint Luke Presbyterian Church in Amarillo provides a support system for meeting challenges that face you and your loved ones. I am so thankful for all of you who are so involved in the life of the church.

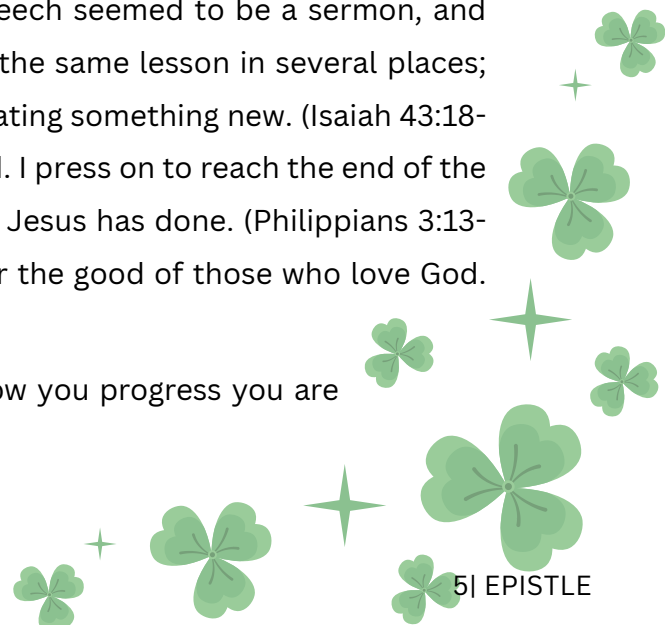
This past November, my family and I were invited to attend the 2025 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, a fund-raising dinner by friends from Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church. We were warmly welcomed, and enjoyed the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Rashad Richey, an Emmy nominated national broadcaster whose show "Indisputable" reaches over 3 million viewers daily. My wife Teresa is one of those viewers, so we were grateful to be invited. Dr. Richey's biography is staggeringly impressive. He is an attorney with a PhD in Quantum Physics, and a Masters degree in Neurophysics. Among many other honors, he is a Senior Advisor to the Carter Center's Democracy Resilience program; he has a lot of letters after his name.



One of the things that Dr. Richey spoke about that evening was that challenges are an expected, and often unappreciated, part of life. He suggested that if one is not experiencing challenges in their everyday life, perhaps they are not really living. His speech seemed to be a sermon, and this perspective remains in my thoughts. The bible provides the same lesson in several places; some of my favorites are: Don't think about the past. I am creating something new. (Isaiah 43:18-19) I forget what is behind and look forward to what lies ahead. I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the prize God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done. (Philippians 3:13-14) We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God. (Romans 8:28)

Fear not. No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.

In Christ's Service,

Bill



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 11am Celebration of the Lord's Supper 9:45am Adult Sunday School 10:15 Children's Sunday School	2 10am Adult Piano Class 4pm Congregational Care Committee 5:30pm Mission/Outreach	3 10 am Exercise Group 3pm PB&J Sandwich Making for Amarillo Housing First	4 8:30am Yoga Group 6pm Last Supper Lenten Bible Study with AUMC	5 10 am Exercise Group 2 pm Threads of Love	6	7
8  Daylight Saving Time 9:45am Adult Sunday School 10:15 Children's Sunday School 5pm Meditation Service	9 10am Adult Piano Class 12pm Stewardship Meeting 4pm Christian Education Committee	10 7am Men's Breakfast 10am Exercise Group 3pm PB&J Sandwich Making 4pm Worship Committee 5:30pm Property Committee	11 8:30am Yoga Group 9:30am St Luke Women 6pm Last Supper Lenten Bible Study with AUMC	12 10 am Exercise Group 2 pm Threads of Love	13	14 9am-12pm All Church Work Day 
15 9:45am Adult Sunday School 10:15 Children's Sunday School 4pm March Session Meeting	16 10am Adult Piano Class	17 10am Exercise Group 3pm Sandwich Making for Amarillo Housing First	18 8:30am Yoga Group 12 pm Young at Heart 6pm Last Supper Lenten Bible Study with AUMC <i>Epistle deadline</i>	19 10am Exercise Group 2pm Threads of Love	20	21  8-10am Laundry Love
22 9:45am Adult Sunday School 10:15 Children's Sunday School	23 10am Adult Piano Class	24 10am Exercise Group 3pm Sandwich Making for Amarillo Housing First	25 8:30am Yoga Group 6pm Last Supper Lenten Bible Study with AUMC	26 10am Exercise Group 2pm Threads of Love	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30 10am Adult Piano Class	31 10am Exercise Group 3pm Sandwich Making for Amarillo Housing First 2pm Farkle Game	EACH SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Fellowship • 9:45am Adult Sunday School • 10:15 am Choir Rehearsal unless otherwise stated • 11 am In-Person Worship and service will stream Live on YouTube 			

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