



Welcome to St. Luke's Methodist Church. We're so glad you've joined us for worship this morning. Our mission is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We hope you are inspired by a message of hope and ready to embrace life in the week ahead.

**Prelude**

*Those Who Trust*

LifeLight Band

**Time of Praise**

*Only King Forever  
My Jesus  
Tremble*

LifeLight Band

**Life at St. Luke's**

To register your attendance please text "guest" or "member" to (405) 351-4001. Prayer requests can be submitted by texting your request to (405) 351-4001 or a prayer card can be dropped in the Offering Plate or in the offering boxes located at the back of the CLC.

Rev. Keith King

**Dedication of Tithes and Offering**

Text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website. Cash and checks can be placed in the Offering Plates or dropped in the offering boxes located at the back of the CLC.

**Offertory**

*Thank God I Do*

LifeLight Band

**The Gospel**

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any question. (Mark 12:28 - 34)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Rev. Keith King

**The Message**

*We Have Begun to Understand It Better*  
From the Sermon Series: The Most Important Things

Dr. Bob Long

## Invitation

Goodness of God

Rev. Keith King  
LifeLight Band

## Sending Forth

Rev. Keith King

## Leading in Worship

**Dr. Bob Long**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. Keith King**  
Pastor of Worship

**Mervin Tay**  
Music Director and  
Composer

**Kelsey Paul**  
Worship Leader

**LifeLight Band**



Wouldn't it be great to know the most important things in life; to somehow have that knowledge to guide us so that we could make the most of each moment? Jesus told us the most important information to know about the Bible when He summarized it into the greatest commandment, "Love God and love your neighbor as yourself." In that statement, Jesus told us that we are called to love God, other people, and ourselves. Join us for a year of looking at the *Most Important Things of Life*.

## Want to Join St. Luke's?

Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's mission to share, grow and serve? You can join St. Luke's on Sunday morning during Worship. For more information about membership contact Tisha Tate Garcia, Hospitality Coordinator, at [ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org](mailto:ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org).

## St. Luke's Clergy

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## One Church with Multiple Campuses

**Downtown Campus**  
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**Edmond Campus**  
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Edmond, OK 73034  
(405) 285-2002  
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**Online Campus**  
Watch service live, chat with clergy, request prayer; give online during every worship service  
[stlukesokc.org/online](http://stlukesokc.org/online)



# St. Luke's

METHODIST CHURCH

## Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

The mission of St. Luke's is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We accomplish that by sharing the message of Christ, growing in our faith, and serving the community.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Register your attendance by texting guest or member to (405) 351-4001.
- Prayer requests can be submitted via text message or dropped in the offering box.
- Give today - text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
- A live feed of the service is available for parents with active or tearful children.
- A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN MORE AT [STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS](http://STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS)

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE | STARTS JANUARY 29

The next session of Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) which offers classes for children, youth, and adults and starts January 29. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. and there are classes that meet before dinner at around 4 and after dinner at 6:30 p.m. WNA is a great opportunity for the entire family to grow in their faith. Class descriptions, dinner menus, and registration forms are available at the Welcome Center and online at [stlukesokc.org/wna](http://stlukesokc.org/wna).

#### SUNDAY SESSIONS – THE GARDEN | JANUARY 26

All adults are invited to participate in Sunday Sessions – a series of short-term Bible studies that will take place throughout the year following the LifeLight worship service at the Downtown Campus. The first session will be a profound exploration of the Garden of Eden. Looking for the answers to questions like: What is paradise? Why was it lost? What does it mean for humanity? During this three-week study you will dive into scripture and reflect on the origins of God's relationship with creation. This class will meet on Sundays, January 27 – February 9, in the Parlor (Room 120) from 11 – 11:45 a.m. at the Downtown Campus. For more information contact Ashley Carr Soter at [acarr@stlukesokc.org](mailto:acarr@stlukesokc.org).

#### MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY | JANUARY 26

Have you thought about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you into membership on Sunday, January 26, when you can join in a more private setting. Stop by the Mansion Chapel at the Downtown Campus, or Threefold at the Edmond Campus, where a St. Luke's pastor or staff member will be available to answer any questions you have and welcome you into membership. If you are not able to attend in person, you can text the word "Join" to the number (405) 351-4001 to arrange a joining moment. For more details about membership, contact Susan Meharg at [smeharg@stlukesokc.org](mailto:smeharg@stlukesokc.org) or call (405) 232-1371.

#### THE TABLE SMALL GROUP | JANUARY 25

The Table Small Group is starting back up on Saturday, January 25! This is a group for 20's and 30's focused on community and studying the Bible. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Downtown Mansion Library. The first topic of the year, they will be studying the five characteristics of God as depicted in Exodus - compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, loyal love, and faithfulness. Join them on Saturday mornings for coffee and conversations as you grow closer together and closer to God.

#### SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY | JANUARY 27

Seniors, get your week off to a great start with a Monday Morning Bible Study. The Senior Bible Study is comprised of mostly retired adults and meets throughout the year (with breaks over the holidays). We go through various video-based studies. A new study is starting January 27. This is a good and faithful small group for discussion, care, and prayer. We are open to others joining us anytime on Monday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30. We meet in the Parlor and also have a Zoom option.

## **FAMILY SERVICE DAY | FEBRUARY 1**

Your family can help bless the lives of others by attending St. Luke's Family Service Day at the Regional Food Bank on February 1 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will sort, pack, and prepare food for a variety of Regional Food Bank Programs benefiting students, seniors on fixed incomes, and other Oklahomans. An adult must accompany volunteers from ages 8 to 15. Registration is almost full, register online at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events).

## **POTEET THEATRE MARY POPPINS AUDITIONS | FEBRUARY 1**

Poteet Theatre is excited to announce auditions for their upcoming production of Mary Poppins! If you're ready to showcase your acting and singing talents, auditions will take place on February 1. Sign up online to reserve your audition time slot at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events). Callbacks are scheduled for February 2, with rehearsals beginning on March 4. Performances will run from May 2-11, featuring both evening and matinee shows. Please note, a current background check is required for all adults (18+). For more information, reach out to Logan Fish at [lfish@stlukesokc.org](mailto:lfish@stlukesokc.org).

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS**

Get ready for an unforgettable summer filled with fun, friendships, and growth! Whether you're looking for exciting overnight camps like Dayspring Camp or Disciple Camp, mission opportunities during Youth Week and YF Tulsa, or the creative magic of Theatre Camps featuring Disney's most iconic stories, there's something for everyone. These camps are tailored to different ages and interests, offering adventure, creativity, and meaningful connections. Mark your calendars and don't miss out - this summer promises to be one to remember! Learn more online at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events)

- May 27 - 31: **Dayspring Camp** Grades 9 - 12
- June 2 - 5: **Edmond Campus Vacation Bible School** Grades K - 5
- June 8 - 22: **Disney's Lion King** Kids Ages 6 - 10
- June 15 - 20: **YF Tulsa** Grades 7 - 12
- June 23 - 26: **Downtown Campus Vacation Bible School** Grades K - 5
- July 7 - 19: **Disney's Frozen Kids** Ages 6-10
- July 6 - 27: **Disney's Descendants** (One-Act) Ages 11 - 18
- July 9 - 12: **Youth Week** Grades 6 - 12
- July 23 - 26: **Disciple Camp** Grade 6 - 9
- July 28 - 30: **Camp Credo** Grades 2 - 5

## **YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12**

### **YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT | JANUARY 22**

Youth, 6th -12th grades, will be working at the Regional Food Bank on Wednesday, January 22, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Youth from both campuses will be leaving from both campuses and will be serving their community together.

### **YOUTH ICE SKATING | JANUARY 26**

All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to enjoy an afternoon at the Devon Ice Rink for ice skating. On Sunday, January 26, 12:15 - 3 p.m., we'll meet at the Youth Room and travel to the Ice Rink. The cost is \$20. We will return to the church at 3 p.m.

### **SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS | WEEK OF MARCH 16**

Each year, the youth travel during their Spring Break to bring hope to another area of our world. The Middle School Youth (grades 6 - 8) will be going to Lakeview MCC in Texas on March 16 - 19, costing \$350. High School Youth (grades 9 - 12) will be going to Perry, FL, March 16 - 22, to help with hurricane relief in this community. and the cost is \$1,250. Please register online at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events) and pay a trip deposit. Adult volunteers are needed for both trips. If you are interested, please contact Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org).

For more details about any of the Youth events, please email Amy Givens - [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org).