



WHAT YOU
GIVE
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WHAT YOU DO MATTERS

As I look back at this year, I'm so blessed by everything you have helped us accomplish at St. Luke's. It is with your support that we are able to continue *Telling the Story* about our mission of *Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World*.

We celebrated so many milestones in 2018 and I encourage you to read through this booklet to see what your gifts and service have helped accomplish this year. We remain committed to sharing Christ, growing in faith, and serving the community. We continue to be one of the fastest growing United Methodist Churches in our state and nation, with more than 244 new members so far this year and a combined average attendance of 2,070 at all campuses.

When you give to the General Operations Budget at your campus, you are supporting St. Luke's programming, missions, administration, ministry staff, and facilities. We are committed to making sure every gift makes a difference!

Your church leadership is committed to living within our means. That's why we ask every member to make a financial commitment (pledge) every year - so that we might budget for the ministry and mission we can do in the coming year.

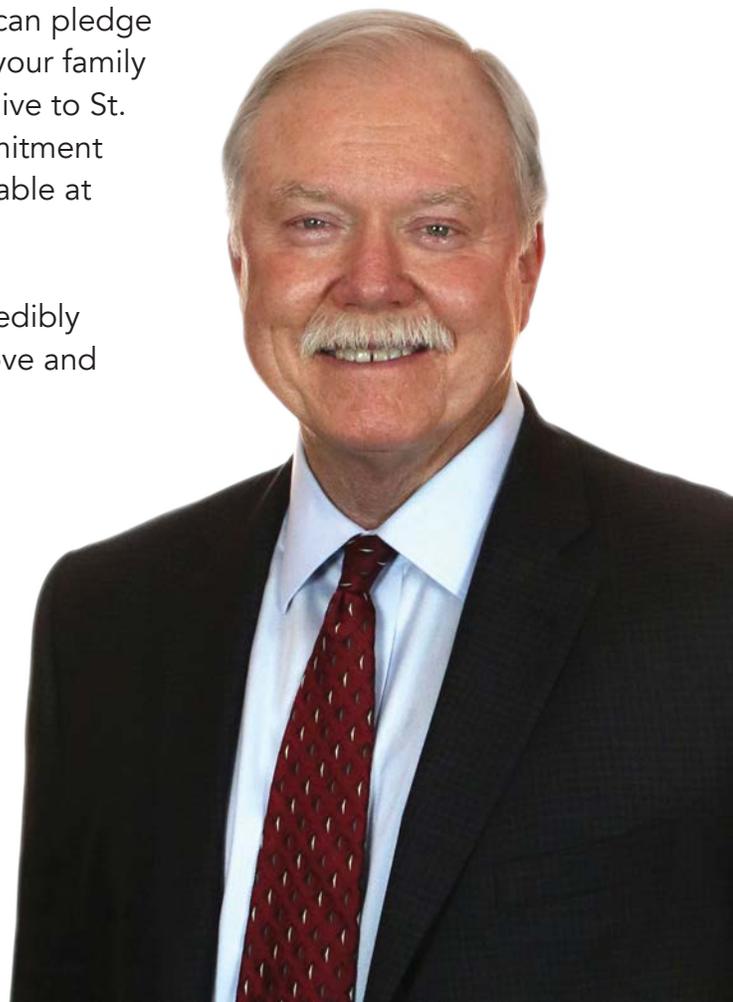
In October, you will receive information about how you can pledge for the first time or renew your current pledge. We ask your family to prayerfully consider what you are able to commit to give to St. Luke's in 2019 and make plans to attend a special Commitment Service on Sunday, November 4. Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Centers or online at stlukesokc.org/give.

Please know we appreciate your generosity and are incredibly grateful for your support. Thank you for sharing God's love and bringing hope to the world!

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert E. Long
Senior Pastor





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When you support St. Luke's with your financial gifts, you become a part of the commitment to share God's love in a variety of ways that will continue to make a difference for generations to come.

Sharing the message of hope to the community through TV, radio and social media has allowed us to welcome over 850 first-time guests to worship across all of our campuses.

We give because we are so grateful for what we have received. When we live in a spirit of gratitude, we naturally want to share what we have.



Through technology, people stay connected with their family of faith throughout the week, whether they are in Oklahoma City, Edmond, or around the world. St. Luke's social media presence reaches over 10,000 people each week.

Thousands watch sermons on KOCO-TV Channel 5 (Sundays at 10:30 a.m.) and even more hear "Something To Think About" podcasts on local radio, while the Online Campus is continuing to increase in attendance.

People from all over the country and around the world tune in every Sunday to watch a *live broadcast* of our 10:50 a.m. Downtown Worship Service via our website and Facebook page.

Many more watch the sermons throughout the week on St. Luke's website, YouTube and Vimeo channels.

Our goal is to also live stream the St. Luke's Edmond Worship Services so members can keep in touch with their family of faith when they're unable to attend.



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THERE IS A JOY IN GIVING. IT IS A JOY IN KNOWING THAT WE GET TO PARTNER WITH GOD IN MINISTRY AND LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY.

Rev. Wendy Lambert

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When you support St. Luke's with your financial gifts, you are helping to create opportunities for others to continue to grow in faith throughout all ages and stages of life.

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GROWING IN OUR FAITH HELPS US TO KNOW THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US, AND THROUGH THAT KNOWLEDGE, WE CAN HEAR OUR CALLING TO SHARE THAT LOVE WITH OTHERS.

Dr. Bob Long

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Home Point opened this year creating opportunities for families to become intentional about building their spiritual foundations at home. Stepping Points provide biblical perspective on common challenges and Family Talking Points share ideas about making time for God in everyday life.

Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) continues to bring over 800 people together for fellowship through a variety of new classes - from Bible study to yoga, painting, dancing, choir, and much more.

Disciple Bible Study classes have a profound effect on a person's faith by providing a deeper understanding of scripture. This year, a Disciple Bible Study for the youth was started on Sunday mornings.



Sunday School classes and Community Groups provide a caring environment for learning, prayer, and support all year long.

The Children's Ministry is designed to help every child learn about the love of God through biblically-based lessons. Classes are offered during each worship service.

Thrive Youth Ministry offers 6th - 12th graders the chance to grow spiritually through Bible studies, worship, mission work, summer camps, and fun fellowship events.

A group traveled to the Holy Land and Egypt to deepen their faith and understanding of scripture and impact their relationship with God.

Trips are planned in 2019 to travel to Washington D.C. to see the Museum of the Bible, one of the most technologically advanced and engaging museums in the world. Showcasing rare artifacts spanning 3,500 years of history, the museum offers an immersive and personalized experience with the Bible, and its ongoing impact on the world around us.



MINISTRIES INCLUDE:

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| Adult Bible Studies | Men's Ministry |
| Children's Ministry | Music Ministry |
| Children's Center | Wednesday Night Alive |
| Community Groups | Women's Ministry |
| Disciple Bible Study | Youth Ministry |





St. Luke's seeks to bring hope to the world as we serve those in need across Oklahoma, the United States, and in other countries.

IN OKLAHOMA:

St. Luke's volunteers cook and deliver over one hundred meals every Saturday to the homebound and elderly through *Mobile Meals*.

St. Luke's partnered with Rebuilding Together to make a difference for several families by renovating their homes.

El Sistema Oklahoma uses music to transform the lives of students with free instruments and instruction. This year we moved to a new location and were awarded the PlayUSA partnership by Carnegie Hall.

Studio 222 is an after-school program that uses the arts to help children develop a healthy self-esteem and resilience against at-risk behaviors. This year, we celebrate 15 years of ministry.

Rancho Village is an elementary school near the St. Luke's Asbury Campus where volunteers tutor students in reading, math, and life skills.

YOUTH:

The Middle School and High School Youth enjoy a variety of special service days and the annual Spring Break Mission Trips. Youth Force is a camp experience for 7th - 12th grade students who spend an entire week restoring homes to provide a better living environment.



When you support St. Luke's with your financial gifts, you are making an investment in the future of our community and changing individual lives all over the world.

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BECAUSE WE KNOW THE GIFT OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE, WE CAN CHOOSE TO RESPOND BY SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS. WHEN WE CHOOSE TO LOOK BEYOND OUR OWN WANTS AND NEEDS TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD AROUND US, IT DOES SOMETHING AMAZING FOR OUR OWN SOUL.

Rev. Josh Attaway

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ALASKA:

Mission teams help small United Methodist communities renovate churches, host Vacation Bible Schools, finish construction projects, and collect firewood.

HONDURAS:

Each year, St. Luke's strengthens its relationship with residents on the impoverished island of Roatan, Honduras. Through a Methodist mission organization, teams work with local churches, schools, and communities to build houses, host Vacation Bible Schools, and provide medical services.

RUSSIA:

Since 1992, St. Luke's has partnered with three United Methodist Churches in Ulyanovsk, Russia to share Christ's love and grow in faith together through cultural exchanges, worship services, children's ministry, children's hospital and nursing home visits, and Bible study.

New trip opportunities develop every year and you are invited to participate. Information can be found at stlukesokc.org/travel.



ST. LUKE'S GIVING GUIDE

Giving back is an important part of our spiritual relationship with God.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

At St. Luke's, we believe giving is good for the soul. We believe that generosity and giving helps us to grow in our walk with God and make a difference in our community and world.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

The amount you give is between you and God. We encourage "tithing," which means giving 10% of your income to further the ministry of Christ. We encourage every family to pray about what gifts you will give to help St. Luke's accomplish the mission of *Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World*.

WHY THE PLEDGE CARD?

The reason for this request is simple: we will commit to spend only what the family of faith commits to give.

As each family makes a commitment of what they intend to give throughout the year, we are able to plan for ministry and mission that will fit within our means.

USE THE CHART AS A GUIDE TO DETERMINE YOUR MONTHLY GIVING.

Annual Household Income	Monthly Pledge Contribution					
	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%
\$30,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300
\$40,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$400
\$50,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$500
\$75,000	\$125	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625	\$750
\$100,000	\$167	\$333	\$500	\$667	\$833	\$1,000
\$125,000	\$208	\$417	\$625	\$833	\$1,042	\$1,250

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GIVING/TITHING?

In the Old Testament we read about the tithe in Leviticus 27:30 – "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." In this way, the "tithe" represents our giving to God from the first 10% of whatever we receive. In the New Testament, the focus is less on a percentage and more on the heart, as expressed in 2 Corinthians 9:7 – "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." We encourage every member to seek God's guidance in how you will give to the church.

WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO?

We are committed to making sure every gift makes a difference! When you give to support the general operations of the church, your support provides for:

- Staff (administration, ministry, and programming)
- Facility and Operations (utilities, insurance, and maintenance)
- Programs (worship, children, and youth)
- Missions (more than 50 different local and worldwide ministries)

Information about ministry budgets, along with financial statements and independent auditor's reports for St. Luke's United Methodist Church and St. Luke's United Methodist Foundation, are available upon request. Please contact Rev. Phil Greenwald at pgreenwald@stlukesokc.org.

TITHING



General
Operating Budget

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Expansion and
Improvements

MISSIONS



Serving the
Community

PLANNED AND LEGACY GIVING



Long Term
Church Health

GIVE BY MAIL

Make your check payable to St. Luke's UMC, specify your campus, and mail to:

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
222 NW 15th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73103

ONLINE GIVING

To give online, visit stlukesokc.org/give

- You can give with your credit/debit card or bank account (ACH).
- Set up one-time or recurring gifts to the general fund or select a specific fund.
- For miscellaneous donations, make a notation in the memo box stating how you would like your gift to be allocated.

Recurring Giving:

Set up weekly, every 2 weeks, monthly, every 3 months (quarterly), or twice a month. This is a safe and easy way to give and your recurring gifts can be edited or cancelled at any time. You will receive an email confirmation when you set up your donation and an email receipt when it processes.

Member Login:

This login allows you to update your address, contact information, and edit your recurring giving. Select the "Member Login" button located at the top right-hand side of the website (stlukesokc.org) and log in with the email address the church has on file for you. If you have forgotten your password or username, click "Forgot your password or user name?"

TEXT TO GIVE

Step 1

Text "STL GIVE" to 73256.

If this is your first time to give, you'll get a text back with a link to set up your secure account.

Step 2

Click the link to go to the giving page.

Step 3

Enter the amount you wish to give. From the drop down menu, select the account you are giving to.

Step 3

Enter your payment information.

Step 4

Press the GIVE button. After you've done this once, it will remember your information for future gifts. You will receive an email receipt and your gift will be included on your contribution statement.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM DONATIONS:

Please note on the check the name of the deceased or the name of the person being honored. If you would like to designate the gift to a specific fund or mission of St. Luke's, please note that also. St. Luke's will send an acknowledgement to both the donor and the family of the deceased (or honoree).

STOCK GIFTS

Giving appreciated stock can provide tax benefits. For questions about stock and other non-cash gifts, contact Roxanne Lloyd at (405) 232-1371.



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