

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

BOOK OF HOPE

IF THE PHYSICAL CHURCH DOORS ARE CLOSED, WE MUST STILL FULFILL OUR MISSION AS A FAMILY OF FAITH.

That meant that St. Luke's had to find new ways to be open in the midst of a pandemic. We were uncertain about what 2020 would bring, but we were confident in the faithfulness of God. God worked in and through the people of St. Luke's to enable us to receive and share the message of Christ; to find new ways to grow in our faith; and to see the needs around us so that we could serve the community. This book is a celebration and thanksgiving to God for guiding us to new ministries that have accomplished so much in a year when it was needed more than ever before!







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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20



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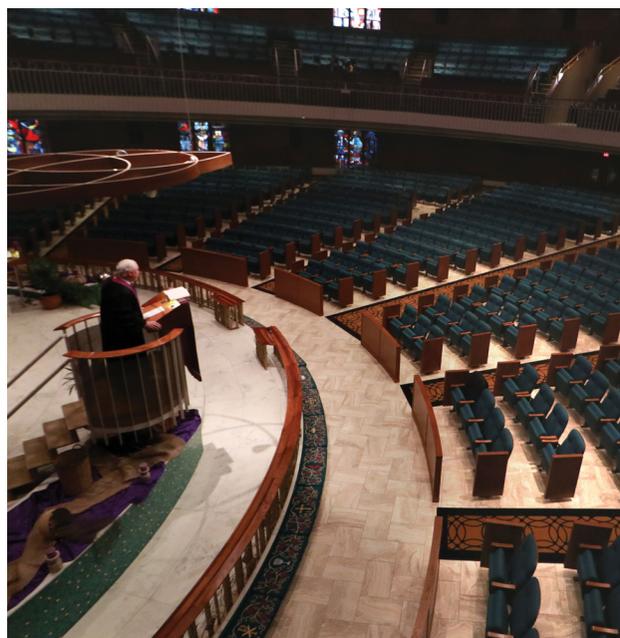
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While the pandemic brought a halt to large in-person gatherings, it didn't stop worship from happening. While the worship space was empty, online worship was full!

OVER THE MANY WEEKS OF MEETING ONLY ONLINE, WE HAD AN AVERAGE OF 3,905 PEOPLE JOINING IN FOR WORSHIP!



Since we couldn't be with anyone on Sunday mornings, it was great to "see" everyone in all the pictures from people worshipping from home.

It was also nice to see so many pets joining us for worship as well!

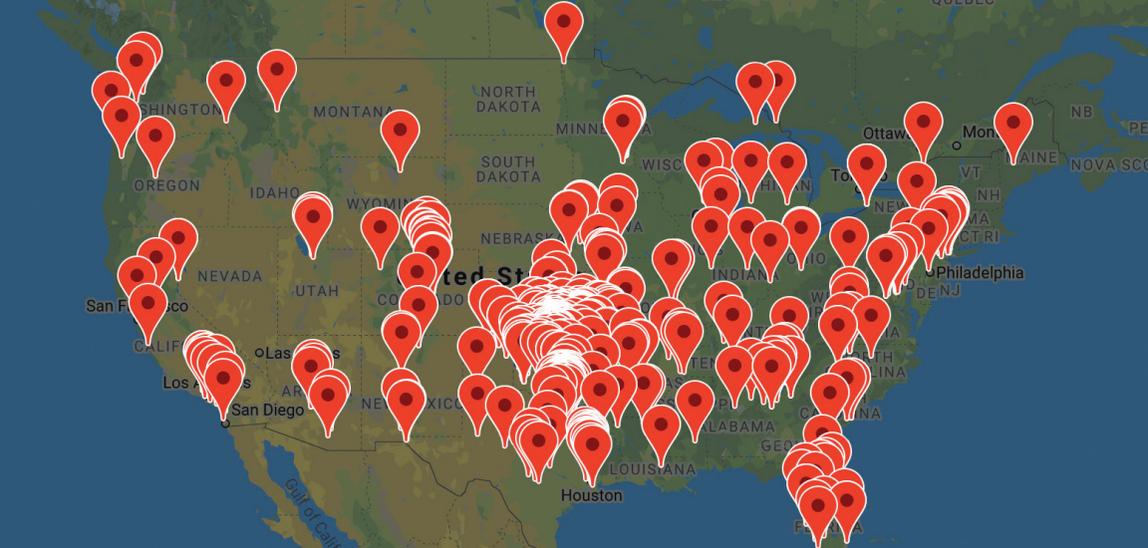


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We love seeing how you worship at home!



Sunday Service

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FACEBOOK PAGE.



St. Luke's is dedicated to making disciples of Jesus Christ. We continued to offer membership events, coming up with new ways to host them. We even had a few out-of-state people who became members; we were their first church home and they found us online! In the end, we had over 80 people join in the 28 weeks that worship was only online.

IN ADDITION, WE HAD PEOPLE CONNECTING TO ST. LUKE'S FROM 42 STATES AND 7 COUNTRIES, ALL LOOKING FOR A MESSAGE OF HOPE IN THESE DIFFICULT AND UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.





It was difficult knowing that we would have to celebrate special times like Palm Sunday, Easter, Memorial Sunday, and Confirmation apart. While we would have preferred to be together for those holy moments, we found that we were still connected. We knew we were connected by Christ, in Christ.





Our family of faith has always loved to celebrate with great music and 2020 would not stop us from continuing that tradition.

From our cars, our lawn chairs, and the comforts of home we enjoyed some wonderful performances!



GROW

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16





JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER
THEM; FOR TO SUCH BELONGS
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."
MATTHEW 19:14



St. Luke's has a responsibility to provide ways for every child to connect to God. This year posed its challenges, but our children and youth were able to stay connected in some fun and meaningful ways.





When the pandemic prevented us from gathering in person, it affected our discipleship programs. But we're committed to growing in our faith with one another and we took part in some creative ways to do that! We all became familiar with Zoom and kept the connection going.



SERVE

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Local restaurants and their staffs were hit hard by the pandemic. OG&E and BOK provided grants that allowed St. Luke's to work with 22 restaurants from April to June. The program provided business to the restaurants who, in turn, provided meals for those in need. Volunteers delivered enough meals to provide over 250,000 servings of food.



St. Luke's had only been in charge of the Oklahoma City Meals on Wheels program for 8 months when the pandemic hit. We added many more seniors to the program and the amount of meals served each month has increased by 785%!

CURRENTLY WE ARE PREPARING AND DELIVERING CLOSE TO 7,300 MEALS PER MONTH.





The Mobile Market is another incredible ministry that developed in 2020. It has distributed more than 385,000 servings of fruit and vegetables to people in need!

There have been nearly 3,000 volunteer hours spent making it happen.



A photograph of a building's exterior featuring a large, dark sign with the text "ST. LUKE'S UNITED" in gold, serif capital letters. The sign is partially obscured by a large tree with vibrant pink blossoms. In the foreground, there is a well-manicured garden with several rounded green bushes and a low, light-colored concrete wall. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

ST. LUKE'S UNITED



I'm always humbled by the generosity of the family of faith in their prayers, their time, and their financial resources. Thank you for your gifts that allowed all these ministries to happen! 2021 is just around the corner and I'm excited about the possibilities ahead for bringing new people into a relationship with Christ, addressing food insecurity in our community, providing opportunities to children in need, among many others. St. Luke's will continue to share God's love and bring hope to the world!

Robert S. Leary



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