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## What Do You Know?

As I grow older in ministry, I realize that I still don't know much. I have read hundreds of books, I have three master degrees, I have been a church leader for over 40 years in ministry, and I have attended many seminars for continuing education, and still I can honestly say that I don't know anything that I thought I knew. So often I ask friends and colleagues "what do you know?" I also get asked the same question.

Often times it scares people when I say I don't know how to be a husband, a father, a pastor, or a spiritual leader. I don't know what the future holds; and I don't know what God has in store for my life or the church! There was a time when I once thought I knew more than I did, because the longer I minister, the less I know. But God, in God's goodness and grace, has reminded me that to lead this church, and pastor in the humble way, I have to look to God with every thought, every plan, every prayer, and every leadership decision.

Now I need God's guidance, presence more than ever. I know that verse Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who is my strength." But I also know that without God as the center, I can't be a good husband, a good dad, and a good pastor. That places me in a state of dependency on God again, because I know that I don't know.

In every generation, there are Christians who remain faithful regardless of the times God seems to be silent. If that's your situation, that God seems to be silent in your circumstance, ministry, or life journey, welcome to the common experience of those who've placed their faith in Christ and decided to follow him no matter what the situations or circumstances are.

We are continuing the sermon series on tough questions we struggle with. One of those questions I get asked from time to time is, "What do you do when it seems that God is silent? Especially when times are hard." As you read about the characters in the bible, like Abraham, Moses, Sarah, David, all the prophets, Zachariah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Jesus, they all had questions but all of them maintained faith in God even when God appeared to be silent and at a distant.

Keep the faith, stay the course, don't give up, keep hope alive, stay in love with God, love others, and continue to believe no matter what comes your way.

I hope all this make sense to you? Let me hear your faith response to how we live and be dependent on God and not just on theory but in practice, and in lifestyle.

*In Christian love and grace, Mel*



The schedule for Chancel Choir Rehearsals has changed to 6:30 p.m.



The Fall Fest Committee has announced that we will have Fall Fest this year.

**Saturday, November 13**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Fall Fest will consist of the Silent Auction, Bake Shop and a boxed lunch.

We are exploring creative ways to have Fall Fest this year online as well as in person if possible.

More details to come.





Children's Sunday School classes have been cancelled until further notice.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...**

**Continued Prayer Concerns:** Jeanne Anne Pharis; Scott Paris; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Doris Mobley's son, Don; Marilyn Smith's cousin, Kim Masters; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Vicki Kovar; Hilaire Lukalema; Lisel Richardson's Aunt Vicki; Leslie Duncan's aunt, Ruth Smith; Joyce Hejl's brother & sister-in-law, Mike & Marianne Hejl; Sam & Ann Kiker; Judy White; Patty Tucker; Ross & Betty Longeway; Howard & Kara Schwope & their family; Sandra Mason; Pastor Ditu's sisters, Ruth & Marie; Wynelle Hencke; Byron Lechler; Betty Holshouser; Bill & Roberta Reeves; Dena Hughes; Peggy Fallin; Marilyn Smith; Sarah Harris' husband, Tom; Norm & Betty Turnage; Lydia Acosta's daughter, Donna & her husband, Alfred; George Conant; Carolyn Hodge; Art Gordon; Martha Smith; Jane West; Linda Smith; Bill Worthington; Maureen Carr; Leslie Duncan; George & Karen Angle's daughter-in-law; George & Mary Paris' sister, Jackie; Karen Angle's sister-in-law, Debbie Biles; Bill & Deana Hoffman & family with the loss Bill's mother, Maxine Hoffman; family of Charles Kenneth Ashley; David & Kay Stapp; Amy West's sister, Sharon Dobbs; Bill Hood; Joe & Betty Crawford; Ruby Lane; Linda Wills' parents

**This Week's Concerns:** George & Karen Angle with the loss of their sister-in-law; Ken Fallin with the loss of his sister; Lydia Acosta with the loss of her uncle & nephew; Myrick family; those affected by Hurricane Nicholas & Ida; the people of Haiti; the people of Afghanistan; those affected by wildfires; prayers for our nation; all of those affected by COVID-19; our first responders, doctors, nurses, essential employees & frontline workers

**Military:** Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Sam Burnett; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox



**United Methodist Women—October 5, 2021**

Pictured seated: Brenda Sanders-Wise, Clydene Fletcher, & Judy White. Standing: Barbara Blair, Martha Chapman, Barbara Jones, Tommie Martin, Joyce Payne, Doris Crocker, Roxie Waters, Mary Paris, Barbara Burnett, Mary Steward, Leslie Duncan & Mary Ross



Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for In-Person Worship or via our Facebook page or YouTube.com: **SLUMC—Haltom City**

**Sunday, October 10, 2021  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Youth & Adult Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.**

**Weekly Attendance**

**Adult Bible Study • September 29—5**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021  
St. Luke UMC—10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School—53**

**In-Person Worship—39  
Online Worship—444**

**French Worship Service—2:00 p.m.  
In-person Worship—68**



**Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
Pastor's Bible Study  
October 13 • 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
We invite you to join us.**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had ten in attendance last Sunday plus the Genesis Class members who joined us for our lesson since the Angle's are out of town. Roxie's lesson this week was on the four gospels. We were saddened to learn that Lydia Acosta's uncle and nephew died last week of COVID 19.

## GENESIS CLASS:

We want to say Happy Birthday to both Wes and Kara tomorrow and then we wish Anita a Happy Birthday on Tuesday. The Negozio's celebrate their anniversary on Saturday and we say a Happy Belated Birthday to Chuck Negozio as he had his special day last Wednesday. Things Claudia learned this week: The Angle's are Florida bound again to go back to George's sister-in-law's place. They will be out for two Sundays so we will join with the Emmanuel Class today for Roxie's lesson. They will come across to our classroom. It was reported that Dayna has a lot of construction going on at her house. We know that Dayna will have it all look amazing in no time. Art's eye is progressing nicely through the healing process. Carol Negozio's husband hurt his back. We hope he is up and about enjoying his favorite pastime soon. Mary Paris injured her knee. We hope that she is getting around better these days. Evan Hill has promoted to Sergeant Hill. Congratulations to him. Amy made a trip back to see her grandbabies this past week. I know they love that she is able to come see them so often. Cherish every moment because those babies grow up so quickly. The Jones' and Wommack's are on their journey to Vermont. I have seen posts each day showing where they stop for the night. Currently they are in Niagara Falls. There have been many beautiful pictures of their journey. Safe travels and enjoy! The Hill's now have a foundation to their new home. DeeDee was seen sitting in her "open air living room!"

## NEW COVENANT CLASS:

We had a small group Sunday, missing some of our regular members. We wrapped up the study of *The Walk*. It was a neat way to tie all the 5 stages together using the 7 last utterances of Christ on the cross. Tommie gave us an update on Kay and David. We miss them and the Johnson's when they can't make it. However, we fully understand why as well. The Duncan's shared their "joy" of a scheduled cruise for 2023! Leslie will be out next week and will start a new study on forgiveness when she's back the following Sunday. David has loaned us 2 different books on the subject. So we'll see which one we use first. Have a great week and enjoy the cooler weather!

## PARTNERS IN FAITH CLASS:

We had twelve in PIF class. The Moore's brought snacks since Beverly couldn't make it, but she hopes to be back next week with her delicious home cooking. Prayers are needed for family members of several in class and as well as for people Rev. Ditu knows in one of the troubled areas in the world. We finished the series on *Superheroes in the Bible* and moved on to *Poetry and Prose*. We will study the wisdom exhibited in various books which provided advice and guidance to people of that time as well as people throughout history. Snacks next week: Beverly Moulton

## UPPER ROOM CLASS:

We only had twelve members in class today and wondered of the football at noon might have been the reason for the lack of more members in attendance. It was reported that Bill Hood had fallen and had to go to the hospital, but is back home now. Surgery for Roxie Waters has finally been scheduled for Wednesday, October 13. Continue to add these to your prayer list. Our study of Luke continues with chapter 24, verse 9.

Devotional: Toni Hood

Refreshments: Pat Hooper



Financial Report  
September 2021  
Receipts  
\$24,374



Please continue your financial support of the church for it is now more important than ever. You may mail your offering to the church office or give online through our website, [www.st-luke-umc.net](http://www.st-luke-umc.net), or mail checks through your online banking programs.

Thank you for your continued support of  
St. Luke United Methodist Church!



I want to express my thanks to Ann Van Schuyver, Mary Paris and the members of the Care Connection for the flowers and cards. I hope someday to join you in all of the church activities.

Bonnie Richards



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 Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## NEWS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU:



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### Sunday, October 10, 2021

#### *20th Sunday after Pentecost*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

### Monday, October 11, 2021

9:00 a.m. Newsletter **DEADLINE**

### Tuesday, October 12, 2021

### Wednesday, October 13, 2021

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 14, 2021

6:00 p.m. Prayer Group

### Friday, October 15, 2021

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

### Saturday, October 16, 2021

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

### Sunday, October 17, 2021

#### *21st Sunday after Pentecost*

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

## Youth News:



Hey everyone!

Hope you are all doing well and having a great week! Missing those who have not been there on Sundays. We have tried to move our Youth activities to Sunday but it looks like a lot of you are having heavy homework that evening. So we are working to get things back to Wednesday. Will let you know once this is worked out. Sometimes the Lord gives us obstacles. We think we are meant for a certain path but are led down something completely different that when we started. Now sometimes we can lose our way down the wrong path which is not the Lord's doing. He did give us free will, you know. Keep praying about your path to God and He will lead you the right way. Listen with your heart. Know if it doesn't feel right, it's probably not where you need to be. Please continue to keep the Myrick family in your prayers. Hope you all have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday morning!

*Love you all, Lisel*