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A New Life, A New Love For God

February is the month of LOVE. This year, love has begun with beautiful celebrations of new life and new beginnings. At St. Luke's, we have been blessed to rejoice in the baptism of Blakely Lynn Russell and to joyfully anticipate the arrival of Baby Roman Francis.

On January 18, family and friends gathered at St. Luke's to celebrate the baptism of Blakely Lynn Russell, the daughter of Cody and Delores and the granddaughter of Andrew and Sevda Russell. With patience and grace, Blakely Lynn received the holy waters of baptism as she was blessed in the love of God. Baptism is a sacred sacrament of the Church, through which we are "initiated into Christ's holy Church, incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation, and given new birth through water and the Spirit." Through baptism, we become part of God's magnificent family—embraced by a new and everlasting love for God.

Scripture reminds us, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1) Just as we rejoice in welcoming a new sister in Christ, God rejoices even more, lovingly calling each of us His children.

God's love has also been extended to the Francis family, who are expecting Baby Roman any day now. Roman is the son of Greg and Courtney Francis and the grandson of Rev. Boris and Terricita Bullock. The St. Luke's family has surrounded them with prayer and love, most especially through a beautiful baby shower hosted here at the church. This gathering was yet another way God's love was shared among His people. Soon, Baby Roman—a new life and a new love for God—will enter the world. St. Luke family, thank you for your prayers, generosity, and faithful support to my niece and her family. Heaven truly rejoices as we celebrate new life and the ever-growing love of God among us.

Pastor Tracey

The Francis family is expecting Baby Roman any day now.

Blakely Lynn Russell, child of Cody Russell and Delores McKinney, was baptized on Sunday, January 18, 2026, Andrew & Sevda Russell are the proud grandparents.





"With Our Deepest Sympathy"

Our sympathy is expressed to Sandra Mauney and family. David Mauney claimed the promise of the resurrection on December 22, 2025.

Our sympathy is expressed to Tom Hedrick and family. Renae Hedrick claimed the promise of the resurrection on December 28, 2025.

From the Office of the Treasurer

2026 has begun and we are off to a good start. End of year 2025 giving was very generous and paid the bills. We are so grateful for this, but supporting the Church goes on. When things like this weekend's snow/ice storm happen and church is cancelled, please remember to send your contributions as expenses still go on. Once again, we are so thankful for the generosity of the St. Luke's family.

Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine
Prayers for our Military

Scottie & Ray Kyle

John & Joan Crawford

Doris Jenkins

Wilmer & Phyllis Downs

Deannie Reynolds

Bobbie Strum

Diana Lee

Pat & Ken Knust

Chris Bowen

Zeb & Hazel Saunders

Bonnie Urbansky

Bill & Andrea Brown

Shirley & Ronnie Weade

Chadd Ray Kyle

Kay Callis

Kathy Case

Our Military

Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey

See our weekly Tuesday email for a complete listing of all prayer requests.

Worship Souper Bowl" Sunday, February 8th Cheer for your favorite team, wear your team's colors or jerseys to church and then stay after worship for a soup lunch and great fellowship. Try just one or taste them all. If you can bring a crockpot of soup or a dessert to share, let the church office know.

Ash Wednesday, February 18th
There will be two services, 12:00 pm and 7:00pm

United Women in Faith UWF will not meet Wed. Feb. 4th instead will be accepting the invitation and attending the Huguenot UWF unit meeting Feb. 10th at 10:30 am. This special meeting will have Kathy Dictor, District Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator giving the program.

Women if you are interested in what is happening in UWF you are welcome to come and join us, Need a ride let me know - Ruth Wickstrom

Young at Heart will meet on Wednesday, February 11th at 10:30. I hope we have a quest speaker, if not we will drop back and punt. We will have a baked potato bar and salad for lunch. Hope to see you there. Thank you

Flower Calendar The 2026 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board going into the church sanctuary. If you would like to put flowers on the altar for a particular Sunday please sign up on the flower calendar. The cost is \$35.00. Make your check payable to St. Luke's United Methodist Church and designate in lower left-hand corner of check "Altar Flowers".



St. Luke's Face Book Page

Make sure you like the St. Luke's Facebook page to keep up with everything going on at church. Also, please like and share the posts and events. The more we share and like, the more others will see what a wonderful place St. Luke's is -- and all the things that we are doing! Here's a link to our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/162y11mMZw/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

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February Birthdays

February 1	Becky Jenkins C. W. Rice Jason Williams
February 2	Randi Hayes
February 5	Kevin Russell Stephanie Burnett
February 6	Ashley Driskill Nikki Driskill
February 8	Sean Wythe
February 10	Katie Haley Cole Rice
February 12	Carolyn Beeckler
February 15	Tom Proffitt
February 17	Robert Hall Rebecca Heath Tee Leigh
February 19	Andrea Brown Betty Hubble Justin Burnett
February 20	Maria Proffitt
February 22	Scottie Kyle
February 24	Mary Nell Kloss
February 25	Thelma Edwards Rachel Jenkins Cook Sofia Lorenzo Bruce Anderson Stewart Ball
February 28	Pam Coleman

St. Luke's Calendar Important Dates — February 2026

February 1 –	Sunday – 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
February 4 –	Wednesday – 10:30 am – United Women in Faith 7:15 pm – Choir Practice
February 6 –	Friday – 10:00-2:00 pm – Home Schooling
February 8 –	Sunday – 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
February 9 –	Monday – 10:00-10:15 am – Preschool Chapel
February 10 –	Tuesday – 10:00-10:15 am – Preschool Chapel 7:00 pm – Finance Committee by Zoom
February 11 –	Wednesday – 10:30 am – Young at Heart 7:15 pm - Choir Practice
February 13 –	Friday – 10:00-2:00 pm – Home Schooling
February 15 –	Sunday – 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service
February 16 –	Monday – President's Day – Church Office Closed
February 17 –	Tuesday – 7:00 pm. Administrative Council Meeting by Zoom
February 18 –	Wednesday – Ash Wednesday Worship Service – 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm 5:30-6:30 PM – U.M.M. Pancake Supper
February 20 –	10:00-2:00 pm – Home Schooling
February 22 –	Sunday – 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service (First Sunday in Lent)
February 23 –	Monday – 10:00-10:15 am – Preschool Chapel
February 24 –	Tuesday – 10:00-10:15 am – Preschool Chapel
February 27 –	Friday – 10:00-12:00 Noon – Quilting Group 10:00-2:00 pm – Home Schooling



St. Luke's seeks to be a spiritual community where all God's children experience Christ's love and redemption and where we share this through worship, fellowship, education and mission for the community and the world.

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