



Eighty years ago, a group of people gathered with a simple but powerful ideal to "build a church with a vision." In 2025, as St. Luke's United Methodist Church celebrated our 80th anniversary, we didn't just look back with gratitude; we lived that vision forward. Because of your financial support in 2025, St. Luke's put that vision into action through discipleship, outreach, generosity, and worship.

Here are a few highlights from 2025:

- Our average worship attendance increased by 11 percent and Christmas attendance has increased more than 22 percent since 2022.
- Our prayer ministry launched a new monthly gathering, creating more space to lift one another before God.
- At branches, a second worship service was added.
- More than 1,600 adults participated in discipleship through over 130 classes, groups, and Bible studies.
- Community Night brought together 300 people of all ages for laughter, connection, and Bingo.
- Working Faith introduced a new mentorship program, connecting faith and vocation.
- We gave almost \$600,000 to the community through Easter and Christmas offerings, Houston Project and outreach grants.
- Over 27,600 sandwiches were made for Kids' Meals.
- Almost 3,500 meals were served through Wednesday Night Fellowship.
- Through the Mercy Closet, 2,234 clients found clothing.
- A record 107 third graders received Bibles, including 12 children from Gethsemane.
- Through Vacation Bible School, 803 children, teens, and volunteers went on a "Road Trip with God."
- The Baragumu African Fellowship hosted its annual revival with more than 200 attendees from across the country, launched new worship music, and expanded neighborhood outreach.
- The Garden Youth Center had over 14,500 visits, serving approximately 1,100 youth.

Together, these highlights tell a story: God is faithful and the vision that began at St. Luke's 80 years ago is still being lived every single day. As we look toward this new year, we pray for opportunities to continue to share God's love with others. Thank you for your support and being part of that vision.

With gratitude,

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