

Stewardship Newsletter



Pastoral Greeting and Thank You

It's incredible that after a few blinks it's already April. At this point in 2018, we've all been impacted by others and circumstances. Likewise, we've all had the opportunity to be Impactors. In this Quarterly Stewardship Newsletter, you'll see pictures representing the amazing work God is doing through this congregation and the lives that are being impacted and shaped. As you read the Stange's story and entire newsletter, know that your faithful giving and serving makes the church's ministry possible. Together, we continue Building the Kingdom, by Building Disciples.

Corey Jones, Executive Pastor

Personal Story from Congregation Members

This Easter season was a very special one for our family. This was our first Easter as a family of three after adopting our Lila "YuYu" from China in September 2017. We are personally experiencing each day how "Love Wins" through Jesus in our household as we improve our communication, dependency, routine, and daily patience.

We frequently talk about Jesus and we actively pray with YuYu. The overall concept of Jesus, however, can be a bit complicated as YuYu is still learning English. We have found that experiences oftentimes communicate more than 1000 words for her. That is why we were so excited to attend St. Luke's EasterFest on Palm Sunday.

Yes, we were eager to see YuYu in her first massive Easter egg hunt (excited enough to have practice hunts at our house earlier that morning). We were also excited for her to pet the farm animals, play games, and get some great candy. More importantly, though, we couldn't wait for her to see the community of the Church in action. We knew that she would have the opportunity to feel the love of Jesus through the volunteers and inclusivity of this event. YuYu loved every moment of EasterFest and talked throughout the following week about the egg hunt, animals, and time with her friends. Her only disappointment came when we returned to church for Easter Sunday and her new horse friend wasn't there to greet her!

Our story of becoming a family may be unique, but our desire to have our daughter experience the love of Jesus is not. We are so thankful that the St. Luke's congregation sponsors events like EasterFest for the greater community. It gives the ability for St. Luke's to go beyond words and provide family friendly experiences for adults and children alike regardless of their background or faith journey.

Thank you for blessing our family through your sponsorship of this event and making YuYu's first Easter with us a special one.

Sincerely,
Rob, Heidi, and Lila YuYu Stange



DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that 1/3 of our 2018 Promises (pledges) are from NEW pledgers?

Did you know that over 1,000 people attended Easterfest?

Did you know that St. Luke's contributes \$8,500 to support three global missionaries on three different continents?

Did you know that St. Luke's contributed \$26,737 towards our 2018 Lenten Offering? This year, a portion of the Lenten Offering will help adopt another ZOE working group in Rwanda. St. Luke's now supports six working groups. Each group has up to 120 orphans or vulnerable children getting out of extreme poverty and leading thriving lives within three years.

FINANCIAL SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE

For our 3rd Annual Financial Summit

Saturday, September 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This workshop will assist the congregation on their needs and the barriers that prevent them from self-sufficiency, accessibility to resources in the community and overall financial success. The goal of the workshop is to provide free information that will promote financial security and economic stability. The workshop will focus on budgeting, financial education and asset building, credit restoration, banking services, and homeownership information. Financial stability builds self-esteem, leads to independence rather than dependency and forms stronger family bonds.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Financial Peace University: Fall Dates TBD (9 Weeks)

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

Legacy: Fall Dates TBD (7 Weeks)

The Legacy Journey is a biblically based course that teaches you how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This content will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, purposeful living, safeguarding your legacy, and discovering the keys to generational wealth and true generosity. You'll discover a biblical framework for living intentionally now so that later you'll be able to leave a legacy that will secure your family's future and make a lasting impact on the world around you.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MINISTRY



We welcomed over 500 guests for our first Winter Theater production, Driving Ms. Daisy (pictured left).



Basketball and cheerleading reached 200 children and youth (pictured right).



Easterfest welcomed over 1000 people from the community to spread the Good News of Easter (pictured left).



Lay Leaders of St. Luke's came together to talk about the Vision of St. Luke's (pictured right).