

DID YOU KNOW

That 1/3 of our 2018 pledgers increased their financial pledge from 2017 (totaling \$192,000)?

That we have three extra space/rooms to accommodate our children's ministry programs

That the church's cleaning or landscaping expenses are \$9,000 each month

That in 2018 St. Luke's has sent members on 6 Missions Trips in different parts of the United States and world.

Your backpacks provided dignity and choice to hundreds of families at Maxey and Mollie Ray Elementary Schools this year.

LEGACY CELEBRATION



The Legacy Celebration is to remember and celebrate the church's past and anticipate and support our future.

Sunday, November 4, 2018

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Founder's Hall

To register for the Celebration go to www.st.lukes.org/legacy

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER WEEK

Join your St. Luke's family in a 'round-the-clock prayer vigil during Prayer Week (November 4-11).

Learn more and sign up for a prayer time at st.lukes.org/prayerweek.

Prayer Week 2018

St. Luke's acknowledges the importance of prayer!

Sunday, November 4 beginning at 12:00 p.m. to

Sunday, November 11 at 8:00 a.m.

This November we are dedicating time to not only present our requests, but to listen for God's direction. From Sunday, November 4 at 12:00 p.m. until Sunday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m. St. Lukers will be participating in an around the clock prayer vigil to seek God's vision.

www.st.lukes.org/prayerweek

2018
Third Quarter

PASTORAL GREETING AND THANK YOU



It's beginning to feel a lot like... *summer*? Apparently, no one told our Florida weather that it's already Fall. While cooler weather may come, we know that the holiday season is coming. A time we all become a little busier. But as you know, here at St. Luke's, we've already been busy making an impact in the world. Yes, the past three months have been filled with Kingdom, life-changing moments. As you read through this newsletter, know that your faithful giving and serving makes the church's ministry possible. It is because of your faithfulness that we, together, are able to Build the Kingdom by Building Disciples.

Rev. Corey Jones, Executive Pastor

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM BEN WITTEN

As we look at our church finances for the third quarter, first and foremost, I wanted to express a huge thank you as our giving through September is up 5% versus last year. This is an amazing expression of St. Luke's stewardship and a desire to follow God's calling to support the ministry and mission programs at our church. Our YTD giving is now at \$2,530,000 and our expenses are \$2,680,000, leaving us in a net deficit position of **\$150,000**. This is consistent with our budget expectations and we expect to close this deficit in the fourth quarter.

	Actual YTD (9/30/18)	Budgeted YTD (9/30/18)	2018 Annual Budget
Contribution and Support Receipts	\$ 2,532,877	\$ 2,461,135	\$ 3,512,813
Expenses (Net of Ministry Receipts)	\$ 2,679,591	\$ 2,619,482	\$ 3,512,813
Total Over (Under)	\$ (146,714)	\$ (158,347)	



St. Luke's is excited to announce a new easier way to give to all the ministries you love. Through the easy-to-read user-friendly "QuickGive" webpage, you can contribute your one-time or recurring gift. For more information and details on "QuickGive" please visit www.st.lukes.org/give. You can also contact St. Luke's Finance Manager, Lisa Lietz by calling 407.876.4991 ext. 227 or email llietz@st.lukes.org

PERSONAL STORY FROM CONGREGATION MEMBER

On September 9th, St. Luke's opened the doors to the new Youth Center. It is allowing us to revision the youth ministry, moving away from creating a space to keep youth entertained and into a space that allows youth to cultivate their own faith, on their own time, so they establish a long-lasting spiritual identity.



"The vibe that has been created here in this space is a breath of fresh air for me and for our youth ministry."

Hannah Skandamis (9th Grade)

"Our Youth Center is my second home! It's the place that I can always be authentically me."

Ashley Barber (11th Grade)

"The Youth Center is a place that's fun and exciting that I want to share with my friends!"

Matthew Anderson (7th Grade)

"It's a place where we can share our faith and secure our future."

Victoria Salisbury (7th Grade)

The renovated space balances and combines appropriate conversation space with recreational space. It is amazing to experience the variety of activities that can be happening simultaneously on Sunday mornings, evenings and Wednesday nights.

"The Youth Center gives us a place to connect with friends and to come together and do what we love as a community."

Sam Stiles-Williams (8th Grade)

"The Youth Center has a lot more space that we can have everyone gather in on Wednesday nights to do great things."

Martha Horne (11th Grade)

"I love the new Youth Center because it makes it so much easier to connect with other youth and our adult volunteers."

Molly Erickson (11th Grade)

"The Youth Center at St. Luke's has given us a fun environment and is the perfect space for us to meet as one."

Stephen Morton (12th Grade)

With the anticipation and opening of the youth center St. Luke's has already seen youth attendance increasing. High School youth ministry has experienced a 65% increase in attendance in 2018. Middle School youth ministry has experienced a 40% increase in attendance in 2018. This year, the Confirmation class has 47 youth ready to make a commitment in their faith journey.

"It's so nice to have a space not only to hang out with friends, but to worship that's specifically for youth."

Abby Chambers (11th Grade)



"John 14:2 says that there is more than enough room in my Father's house. The Youth Center provides a home with plenty room for our youth to come and learn about the one true God."

Samantha Townely (7th Grade)

"It's the one place I can just be me. Judgement free!"

Corbett Erickson (10th Grade)



Cheri Townely (Youth Ministry Parent & Volunteer) sums up the space, saying "There is nothing better than a place to call "home" for our youth where we gather and feel safe to be ourselves exploring our faith, growing our relationship with Christ and each other. The new Youth Center offers that cozy safe place."

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MINISTRY



We welcomed 250 kids to our July summer camps. Children had fun with friends in their neighborhood and made new friends in a camp surrounded with God's love (pictured left).

During our inaugural Take pART Festival of the Arts, we opened our doors to artists from all over Central Florida (pictured right).



St. Luke's Youth Ministry had an amazing summer with two mission trips. A total of 30 Middle and High school youth had life changing experiences on these trips. (pictured left).

A team of 12 St. Luke's adults and youth traveled to Costa Rica to support Agua Viva's efforts to bring safe water to over 500 families in remote villages of Costa Rica (pictured right).



Footloose kicked off St. Luke's second full season of theater programming. More than 100 people made up the cast and crew of Footloose, and we greeted over 3,000 attendees. (pictured left).

In September, St. Luke's kicked off our soccer program. We increased attendance by about 10% with 215 kids participating from PreK to 8th grade (pictured right).

