

EVANGELISM AT ST. LUKE'S

St. Luke's United Methodist Church focuses on four primary ministries: Worship, Mission, Evangelism and Education

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THIS BODY OF BELIEVERS,
KNOWN AS ST. LUKE'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH, COMES
TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION
TO WORSHIP AND TO STUDY AND
LEARN THE WORD OF GOD.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
AS WE ENTER INTO A SEASON
OF CONGREGATIONAL
PREPAREDNESS, THAT
ST. LUKE'S MIGHT PROPERLY
RESPOND TO THE MINISTRY OF
EVANGELISM, THAT MANY SOULS
MIGHT BE SAVED AND BROUGHT
INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

HAVE YOU READ THIS BOOK? FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS

Bishop Robert Schnase's insights will help you greatly in understanding the nature and urgency of our work here at St. Luke's. We encourage you to read it and be blessed!

Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church

The Lord Jesus Christ established the church, His Body, with Him as the Head. The church had its birth on the day of Pentecost, with repentant and forgiven men and women, who congregated regularly as a body of believers

under the leadership and teaching of the Apostles. The Apostle Paul states in his letter to the Ephesians:

"And He put all things under His feet. And gave Him to be head over all things to the church, who is His body, the fullness

of Him who fills all in all." (1:22-23)

"That He might present her to Himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." (5:27)

A Message from Our Evangelism Chair

I would like to share with the congregation some of the plans our committee has for 2009.

First, we will seek God's will to create a comprehensive plan of evangelism that will include outreach to homes, hospitals, retirement centers and nursing homes. We will communicate by telephone, e-mail, cards, letters and personal visits.

Second, we will begin a program of congregational preparedness, helping our church

family become more aware and more sensitive to the church's ongoing ministry of evangelism. Our goal is for St. Luke's to become more inviting, more welcoming,



more caring – and for us, as His Body, to become more positive, more attractive and more Christ-like.

Third, we will put in place a prayerful plan of assimilation to help new believers and all who seek to join our church family to feel at home at St. Luke's and to understand the way of the Christian journey.

We will guide, nurture and encourage these newcomers to our church in a setting of love, care and prayer.

Love and peace,

Rev. Santa Anna Trejo