

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.



MAY WE PRAY FOR YOUR FRIENDS & LOVED ONES?

The Evangelism Intercessory Prayer Group would be honored to pray each week for the salvation of your friends and loved ones. Look for prayer request cards on the ushers' Welcome Table just inside the main entrance.

Prayer: the First Priority in Evangelism

The Lord Jesus tells us that we should pray in His Name to God the Father. This is the designated means to communicate with God.

It is when we pray in the name of Jesus that we are in agreement with God, and His will and purpose. The Word of God repeatedly tells us that God wants all people to be saved and none to be lost. When we, as a

congregation, pray for the lost, God gladly hears our prayer and responds by sending the Holy Spirit to begin drawing and wooing unto Himself those people for whom we are praying.

God orchestrates all kinds of movements and divine arrangements so that we can become part of the ongoing effort in His plan for salvation for those in our prayers. If the

opportunities and appointments that arise seem surprising and miraculous at times, remember that it is God who is at work—He loves the person you are praying for!

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive with Christ." —Ephesians 2:4-5

A Message from Our Evangelism Chair

It is my fervent hope that we at St. Luke's will actively engage in our evangelism ministry by becoming deeply committed, praying people.

The following is one format of daily prayer. I encourage each of you to consider it and to make it a vital part of each day's activity if we as a congregation are to be powerful pray-ers.

Pray as each day starts.

Pray before retiring at night.

Remember that prayer is more than a one-time activity. It is an attitude, thus we can pray without ceasing.

Remind ourselves of the four dimensions of prayer:

- 1. Supplication** (your own need) and **intercession** (others' needs)
- 2. Communion** (intimacy with God)
- 3. Patient pleading** (patiently waiting on His answer as you continue to bring the same concerns)

4. Giving thanks (the attitude of gratitude)

Of these four, evangelism is most focused on intercession and the needs of others.

It is well to remember that the more we pray, the more power we have in prayer!

Love and peace,

Rev. Santa Anna Trejo