

St. Luke Pastoral Plan Survey — 2007

Thank you for taking the time to complete this important Pastoral Plan Survey. Your opinions, comments and suggestions will help the Servant Leadership Team and I develop a parish Pastoral Plan or road map, to guide us in best serving the present and future spiritual, liturgical and ministerial needs of the Faith Community.

About 33% of parish households responded to the survey, with 40% doing so via the internet. Responses from our Spanish language version are also included. Many of you responded with specific comments and suggestions to various questions, and those are summarized by question, in Appendix A.

This comprehensive survey is the result of the hard work of 18 fellow parishioners, whose efforts are greatly appreciated.

Fr. Jim

1. Why did you choose St. Luke parish originally? (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Location 69%	Ministries offered 19%
Like the community/ parish spirit 67%	Recommended by friends/ family 23%
Mass times/ convenient 27%	Other (See Appendix A) 12%
Size of parish 38%	
Liturgy 34%	
Music 49%	

SPIRITUALITY

2. My family/ I attend Mass: (PLEASE CHECK ONE RESPONSE)

Daily / Most days	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Not Answered
3%	84%	6%	6%	0%	1%

3. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement:
Eucharist is the central part of our faith. (PLEASE CHECK ONE RESPONSE)

Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly	Don't know
73%	20%	2%	1%	1%	3%

4. To help grow spiritually, we are **interested in participating in:** (PLEASE CHECK 1 PER ITEM)

	Already Participate	Very interested (4)	Somewhat interested (3)	Not very interested (2)	Not at all interested (1)
Faith formation (children)	41%	22%	10%	10%	17%
Adult education programs	26%	15%	32%	18%	9%
Small faith community programs	31%	11%	30%	18%	10%
Spiritual direction/ counseling	25%	8%	22%	29%	16%
Spiritual retreats	21%	13%	27%	26%	13%
Parish missions	24%	12%	35%	20%	9%
Eucharist Adoration (First Fridays)	24%	9%	22%	27%	18%
Weekly Rosary	21%	7%	18%	32%	22%
Stations of the Cross	23%	14%	33%	21%	9%
Other (Write in) See Appendix A					

PARISH STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

5. On a scale of 1 to 4 where 4 means very satisfied and 1 means not at all satisfied, please **rate your satisfaction** with St. Luke parish on: (PLEASE CHECK ONE RATING PER ITEM)

	Very satisfied (4)	Somewhat satisfied (3)	Somewhat dissatisfied (2)	Not at all satisfied (1)	N/A
Adequacy of size of worship space	11%	34%	33%	17%	5%
Layout of worship space	28%	43%	21%	5%	3%
Amount of space available for meetings	11%	29%	28%	16%	16%
Adequacy of parking	21%	42%	25%	9%	3%
Convenience of Mass times	67%	25%	4%	1%	3%
Ministry offerings	62%	27%	2%	1%	8%
Friendly, warm, welcoming atmosphere	82%	13%	1%	1%	3%
Spiritual offerings (e.g. retreats, adoration)	41%	36%	5%	1%	17%
Children's faith formation programs	44%	25%	3%	1%	27%
Adult educational programs	28%	38%	8%	2%	24%
Outreach offerings	48%	30%	3%	0%	19%
Helpful, caring staff	77%	16%	1%	1%	5%
Fellowship events / programs for social interaction	55%	30%	3%	1%	11%

6. Overall, please rank the following in terms of what makes St. Luke Catholic Church attractive to people today. (PLEASE RANK, USING A 1 FOR THE TOP ITEM, 2 FOR THE NEXT ITEM, AND SO FORTH, USING EACH NUMBER ONLY ONCE)

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| 2 Location | 2 Liturgy |
| 1 Warmth/ small size feeling/ sense of community/ belonging | 2 Music |
| 3 Mass times/ convenient | 4 Ministries offered |
| 3 Size of parish | 5 Other (please specify) |

7. What do you like LEAST about St. Luke parish? (PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

See Appendix A

8. Do you feel connected to the St. Luke faith community? **86%**Yes **11%**No **3%** N/A

9. If not, why? (PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

See Appendix A

MINISTRY OFFERINGS/ PARTICIPATION

10. Below is a list of ministries available at St. Luke. Please check the box beside each ministry in you or members of your household **currently participate**, in **column "A"**. In **column "B"**, please check the box beside the ministry(ies) you or members of your household **would have some interest in**, but do not currently participate in. **Household Responses**

Ministries	Column A - Participate in	Column B - Interested in	Ministries (cont'd)	Column A - Participate in	Column B - Interested in
Adult Education	58 ₀₁	101 ₀₁	Homeless Shelter	54 ₉	109 ₂₉
Agape Missions Ministry	25 ₀₂	38 ₀₂	HOPE Pastoral Care	46 ₃₀	24 ₃₀
Altar Servers	32 ₀₃	35 ₀₃	Hospitality	23 ₃₁	33 ₃₁
Baptism Preparation	13 ₀₄	13 ₀₄	Kairos Prison Ministry	9 ₃₂	15 ₃₂
Bible Study	32 ₀₅	95 ₅	Knights of Columbus	70 ₃₃	33 ₃₃
Blood Drive/Red Cross	61 ₀₆	38 ₀₆	Landscaping	16 ₃₄	29 ₃₄
Boy Scouts	12 ₀₇	17 ₀₇	Lay Ministry Training	3 ₃₅	14 ₃₅
Car Care	0 ₀₈	14 ₀₈	Lectors	32 ₃₆	34 ₃₆
Catholic Book Club	14 ₀₉	43 ₀₉	Liturgical Ministers Scheduling	6 ₃₇	8 ₃₇
Child Care/Nursery	11 ₁₀	29 ₁₀	Mass coordinators	27 ₃₈	27
Children's Liturgy (3-5 yr. olds)	18 ₁₁	33 ₁₁	Ministers of Communion	94 ₃₉	37 ₃₉
Children's Liturgy (6-11 yr. old)	31 ₁₂	24 ₁₂	MOMS (Mothers of Mercy & Strength)	13 ₄₀	18 ₄₀
Columbarium Committee	5 ₁₃	14 ₁₃	Music	52 ₄₁	30 ₄₁
Confirmation Preparation	27 ₁₄	30 ₁₄	Pax Christi (Peace Group)	6 ₄₂	10 ₄₂
Crop Walk	25 ₁₅	35 ₁₅	Playschool	9 ₄₃	16 ₄₃
Cub Scouts	15 ₁₆	16 ₁₆	RAIN/AIDS Ministry	1 ₄₄	16 ₄₄
ENRICH/Parent Education	11 ₁₇	28 ₁₇	RCIA/Come and See	28 ₄₅	25 ₄₅
Environment (Flowers)	13 ₁₈	30 ₁₈	Refugee Mentoring	1 ₄₆	18 ₄₆
Facilities Maintenance	12 ₁₉	17 ₁₉	Respect Life	8 ₄₇	23 ₄₇
Faith Formation	149 ₂₀	20 ₂₀	Room In The Inn	76 ₄₈	88 ₄₈
Family Counseling	6 ₂₁	20 ₂₁	Scriptural Rosary	18 ₄₉	22 ₄₉
First Communion/ Reconciliation Prep	43 ₂₂	17 ₂₂	Small Faith Communities/RENEW	79 ₅₀	31 ₅₀
Friendship Trays	13 ₂₃	43 ₂₃	Stewardship Committee	6 ₅₁	10 ₅₁
Fund Raising	31 ₂₄	25 ₂₄	Thomasboro Elementary	78 ₅₂	42 ₅₂
Heavenly Dusters	4 ₂₅	12 ₂₅	WE CARE/Tithing Committee	8 ₅₃	16 ₅₃
HELP (Helping empower local people)	2 ₂₆	27 ₂₆	Welcoming Committee	20 ₅₄	34 ₅₄
Highway 'Cleanup	11 ₂₇	31 ₂₇	Young at Heart (Seniors Group)	49 ₅₅	31 ₅₅
Hispanic Ministry	7 ₂₈	19 ₂₈	Youth Ministry	30 ₅₆	32 ₅₆

11. What do you like best about your participation in this/these ministry(ies)? (PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE) **See Appendix A**

12. If you are not participating, what is the primary reason? (PLEASE CHECK ONE RESPONSE)

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| 35% No time | 5% Need childcare |
| 5% Too old | 0% Don't have transportation |
| 1% Too young | 10% Don't know about them |
| 8% Inconvenient meeting times | 33% Other (PLEASE WRITE IN) |
| | See Appendix A |
| 3% Need training | |

13. Please rank the following in terms of how well they would encourage you to become more active in any St. Luke ministry (ies)? (PLEASE RANK 1, 2, 3, 4 WITH 1 BEING MOST EFFECTIVE, 2 BEING NEXT MOST EFFECTIVE, AND SO FORTH. USE EACH NUMBER ONLY ONCE, AND RANK UP TO 4 ONLY)

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| 3 Ministry fair | 8 Public recognition for good works |
| 1 Personal invitation | 5 Visual displays and handouts |
| 2 Continue Sunday stewardship announcements | 4 Hospitality after Mass (coffee & donuts) |
| 7 New ministry offerings | 6 Conduct a "finding your gifts" retreat |

13a. Please write in any other ideas you have to encourage people to be more active in St. Luke ministries. (PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

See Appendix A

14. What is your level of interest in participating in / supporting the following **potential** new ministry / activity programs at St. Luke? (PLEASE CHECK ONE RATING PER ITEM)

<u>Potential New Ministry Programs</u>	Very interested (4)	Somewhat interested (3)	Not very interested (2)	Not at all interested (1)	N/A
Activities for young adults, college students	7%	21%	21%	25%	26%
Adult literacy programs	8%	23%	21%	22%	26%
Athletic programs	12%	23%	16%	24%	25%
Classes in Spanish	8%	13%	19%	35%	25%
Cross-cultural programs	5%	18%	24%	27%	26%
English as a second language program	4%	10%	21%	38%	27%
Faith formation support for new parents (Baptism through Communion)	6%	17%	21%	27%	29%
More adult religious education programs	16%	33%	14%	13%	24%
Parish-wide retreat off-location	10%	23%	20%	18%	29%
"Shepherd" program (established parishioners help welcome and guide new members)	10%	27%	22%	16%	25%
Tutoring/ mentoring assistance for students	6%	25%	21%	19%	29%
Other (Write in) See Appendix A					

COMMUNICATIONS

15. **How do you learn about parish information** such as events, activities, updates to financial campaigns, and ministry offerings at St. Luke? Please check the box beside **all** of the communications methods you use in **column A**.
16. Now please check the **one** that is **most effective** for you in **column B**.

Parish Information Sources	Column A- All methods	Column B- Most effective method
Weekly bulletin	85%	50%
Pulpit announcements by priest	75%	27%
Pastor's Notes	71%	10%
Pulpit announcements by parishioners	67%	13%
Mailings	58%	7%
Bulletin boards at church	57%	4%
Flyers sent home	48%	5%
Direct contact	38%	7%
St. Luke website	38%	7%
Welcome table	30%	2%
Ministry fair	24%	1%

17. How would you rate the overall **availability** of information about St Luke? (PLEASE USE A SCALE OF 1 TO 5 WHERE 5 MEANS EXCELLENT AND 1 MEANS POOR)

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
2%	2%	10%	32%	47%	7%

18. How would you rate the overall **quality** of information you receive from St. Luke? (PLEASE USE A SCALE OF 1 TO 5 WHERE 5 MEANS EXCELLENT AND 1 MEANS POOR)

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
2%	1%	10%	36%	45%	6%

FELLOWSHIP/ SOCIAL

19. Which of the following events have you attended at St. Luke during the last year? (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

62% St. Luke Festival	33% BBQ dinners (eat-in & take-out)
22% Parish Mission (fall or spring)	
28% Fish Fry's	12% Other events (PLEASE WRITE IN)
8% Children's Lenten Retreat	See Appendix A
20% Musical Night	17% None of the events (PLEASE SKIP TO Q.22)
20% Dinner dances	

20. How often do you attend St. Luke social events? (e.g. dinner, dance, Festival, concert)

6% Never
 48% 1 to 2 times a year
 30% 3 to 4 times a year
 16% 5 or more a year

21. Why do you attend these events? (PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

See Appendix A

22. Why do you **NOT** attend these events? (PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

See Appendix A

23. In general, what is your level of interest in the following potential new parish social activities? (PLEASE CHECK ONE RATING PER ITEM)

Potential New Social Activities	Very interested (4)	Somewhat interested (3)	Not very interested (2)	Not at all interested (1)	N/A
Parish-wide stand alone social activities which are NOT in conjunction with religious events (e.g. Parish ice cream social, coffee, etc.)?	22%	43%	11%	7%	17%
Social activities designed primarily to raise money for parish goals (e.g. an auction, gala, casino night)	20%	44%	15%	5%	16%
Potluck suppers	16%	32%	24%	10%	18%
Wine and cheese socials	15%	35%	21%	10%	19%
Pancake breakfasts	22%	35%	18%	8%	17%
Coffee and donuts after Mass	26%	32%	16%	9%	17%
Musical concerts	31%	35%	11%	6%	17%
Movies	10%	27%	26%	14%	23%
Dances	11%	26%	25%	14%	24%
Sports activities	17%	25%	18%	15%	25%
Other See Appendix A					

24. Overall, how well is St. Luke parish satisfying the social needs of the parish? (PLEASE USE A SCALE OF 1 TO 5 WHERE 5 MEANS EXCELLENT AND 1 MEANS POOR)

1 2 3 4 5 N/A
 2% 4% 19% 38% 25% 12%

25. What ideas do you have to make the parish more welcoming to new parishioners? (PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

See Appendix A

PARISH VISION FOR THE FUTURE

26. The St. Luke parish mission statement reads: "To be a Christ-Centered Church responsive To the Needs of All, Preserving, Spreading and Celebrating the Teachings of Jesus Offering Hope, Comfort and Peace." Do you agree that our actions support this mission statement?

Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly	Don't know
68%	22%	1%	1%	0%	8%

27. As the parish grows in size and diversity, what importance do you attach to the following factors in preserving the St. Luke "experience" that you enjoy? (PLEASE RANK THE FOUR (4) MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST; 1 BEING MOST IMPORTANT ITEM, 2 BEING NEXT MOST IMPORTANT, AND SO FORTH. USE EACH NUMBER ONLY ONCE, AND RANK UP TO 4)

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| <p>2----- Providing adequate space & facilities
Expand the ministries</p> <p>1----- Maintain the warm, friendly, personal spirit</p> <p>3----- Stress the Eucharist</p> | <p>4----- Seek more involvement/participation
_____ Welcome minorities
_____ Show recognition / appreciation for volunteers
_____ Share / tell our story</p> |
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28. As we plan for the future, which of the following needs to be expanded most? Again, please rank each type of space on its need for expansion, giving a 1 if it needs the most expansion, 2 for what needs next most expanded space, and so on, with a 4 for the area needing the least expansion.

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| 1----- Worship space | 3---Social space |
| 2----- Education space | 4---Administrative space |

29. If we had space, would you be interested in having a St Luke store, where you could buy books for small faith groups, children's books, rosaries, cards, tee shirts, etc?

Yes 63% No 28% N/A 9%

30. If there is one thing you could change about St. Luke to make it better meet your future needs, what would it be? (PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

See Appendix A

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

31. How would you rate your overall support of fundraising activities at St. Luke? (PLEASE USE A SCALE OF 1 TO 5 WHERE 5 = STRONGLY SUPPORT AND 1 = DON'T SUPPORT)

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
3%	5%	23%	31%	29%	9%

32. How strongly are you committed to pledging financial support to a new church facility? (PLEASE USE A 1 TO 5 SCALE -- 5 = STRONGLY COMMITTED AND 1 = NOT COMMITTED)

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
5%	5%	19%	25%	38%	8%

GENERAL CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION / DEMOGRAPHICS

The following questions will be used for classification purposes only.

33. What is your Zip code? _____

34. Are you registered in St. Luke Parish?

Yes 95%

No 1%

N/A 4%

35. How long have you been a parishioner: (PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE)

12% Less than one year

26% 10 years or longer

38% One to under five years

3% N/A

21% Five to under 10 years

36. Please indicate how many people in your household/ family fit into each of the following age groups.

Adults % in each age group	Children % in each age group
6% 19 to 24	13% 0 to 3
35% 25 to 44	12% 4 to 5
39% 45 to 64	34% 6 to 10
20% 65 or older	20% 11 to 13
	21% 14 to 18

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME! YOUR OPINIONS ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF ST. LUKE PARISH.

APPENDIX A
RESULTS FOR OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS AND
“OTHER” RESPONSES TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS

Q1. Other reasons first joined St. Luke. (About 69 write-in comments; percentage off 473- total)

Code	Category	# responses	% responses
1	Father Jim/priest/pastor	27	6%
5	Family member went here/ recommended to us	8	2%
3	Didn't like other parish/too big/ no feeling of belonging	7	1%
7	People centered/outreach/atmosphere/cutting edge vision/ not old-fashioned	7	1%
2	Father Joe/ his homilies	5	1%
6	Founding members/here since storefront	5	1%
8	Homilies	3	1%
4	Spanish/bilingual Mass	2	0%
	Other single comments	4	1%

Q4. Other ways to grow spiritually. (About 37 comments; percentage off 473-total)

Code	Category	# responses	% responses
1	Adult Bible Study/ specifically to read the Bible	3	1%
8	Christ-centered prayer group/ contemplative prayer program/ Social action with prayer	3	1%
11	Ignatius Prayers	2	*
2	Youth retreats	1	*
3	Training for diaconate	1	*
4	First Friday Mass	1	*
5	Enrich	1	*
6	Divine Mercy Sunday and Rosary	1	*
7	Day of Recollection/ occasional	1	*
9	Frequent confession	1	*
10	More family oriented involvement	1	*

Note: many more responded, but answers were other types of ministries/ activities vs. spiritual activities.

Q6. Other reasons St Luke attractive today. (About 35 comments; percentage off 473-total)

Code	Category	# responses	% responses
1	Fr. Jim/ pastor/ his sermons/ warmth/ dedication	22	5%
4	People	3	1%
6	Education	2	*
2	Most people I have met are of post-Vatican II modern theology. They believe in the grace of the laity in the church. They live their faith in action.	1	*
3	Our primary reason for joining St. Luke's was for Bethany. They are so inspirational.	1	*
5	True presence of Jesus in the Eucharist	1	*

Q7. What do you like LEAST about St. Luke parish?

Base= 473				
Code	Category	#	%	Cumulative %
3	Space/crowding/worship crowded/growing too fast	109	23%	23%
1	Nothing/love it	23	5%	28%
8	Too much talking before Mass/not conducive to prayer/not solemn	23	5%	33%
4	Want kneelers	22	5%	38%
14	Space needed for ministries/ meetings/ Youth activities	19	4%	42%
9	Don't like announcements from pulpit at end of Mass	16	3%	45%
7	Want real church / not shared worship space/ tabernacle in church/stained glass/statues, etc.	14	3%	48%
28	Lack of participation from parishioners/ new parishioners	14	3%	52%
6	Want more spiritual/traditional practices/ liturgy/holy items/celebrations	13	3%	55%
22	Parking difficulties	12	3%	58%
2	Location/ distance from home	11	2%	60%
12	Faith Formation needs more space/ overcrowded	11	2%	62%
5	Want pews	9	2%	64%
17	St. Luke getting too big/ losing small/ community feel	9	2%	66%
23	Inconvenient Mass times/want more/ different Mass times	9	2%	68%
24	Ministries/ groups too clique-ish/ newcomers don't feel welcome to join/ don't get called when want to join	9	2%	70%
25	Want new activities/ for young adults/ young families, etc.	9	2%	72%
29	Lack of financial support from parishioners/ new parishioners	9	2%	74%
15	Want cry room or nursery during Mass	6	1%	75%
21	Disruptive children at Mass	6	1%	76%
11	Don't want parish/ church to move	4	1%	77%
27	Music/ liturgy too contemporary	4	1%	78%
32	Hard to feel connected/ no sense of community	4	1%	79%
10	Informal dress at Mass	3	1%	80%
13	Faith Formation – want different class times	3	1%	
18	Music takes center stage/ too much music	3	1%	
20	Baptism at Mass/ don't like it/ or everyone rushes ahead of family	3	1%	
26	Want more adult education	3	1%	
31	Layout of worship space	3	1%	
33	Want missals	3	1%	
16	Losing Father Jim	2	*	
19	Liturgical ministers not trained correctly	2	*	
30	Unhappy with assisting priests	2	*	
35	People leaving Mass early	2	*	
36	Mass too long	2	*	
34	More robust bulletin	1	*	

Note: Includes multiple responses

Q9. Why do you NOT feel connected to St. Luke?

Base= 55				
Code	Category	#	%	Cumulative %
3	Just don't participate/attend enough/as much as they should	10	18%	18%
2	No free time/ working/haven't become involved	8	14%	32%
9	Cliques/few who do everything/ don't let other people in	6	11%	43%
11	New to parish	5	9%	52%
1	People not warm/still viewed as strangers at Mass/ignored/ not missed even though active	4	7%	59%
10	Parish too big and impersonal	4	7%	66%
5	Illness/ or can't drive at night so don't participate enough	3	5%	71%
6	Pockets/groups know each other/ don't know parishioners at large	3	5%	76%
7	Parish not spiritual enough/ lack of orthodoxy in offerings/ don't agree with parish's liberal stance	3	5%	81%
8	Activities geared to older folks/not for young adults or families/ or just for young children/ not young adults	2	4%	
12	Need help meeting people/ shepherding program for new people	2	4%	
4	Not called back when do want to join ministry	1	2%	
Other	Various other responses	10	18%	

Note: Includes multiple responses

Q11. What do you like best about your participation in this/these ministry (ies)?

Base= 282				
Code	Category	# responses	% responses	Cumulative %
3	Fellowship/ meeting/ getting to know people/ of similar faith	82	29%	29%
2	Serving others/help those in need	51	18%	47%
4	Chance to make a difference/give back to community/ to church/ stewardship	35	12%	59%
9	Build sense of community/ belonging/ in large church	32	11%	70%
7	Assist in development of children/ youth/ faith/ positive influence on youth/children /enjoy working with children	25	9%	79%
16	Warmth of parishioners/ friendly people/ welcoming/ committed	23	8%	87%
13	Enjoy it/ rewarding/ feels good to help	22	8%	
5	Stay connected /to church/ to God	20	7%	
6	Learn more about my faith/ grow in faith/ strengthen faith	20	7%	
14	Feeds me spiritually/ brings me life/ closer to God	20	7%	
10	Bringing Christ to others/ doing God's work	17	6%	
17	Programs for children/ choir/ Faith Formation/ great	16	6%	
8	Flexible/ convenient/few meetings/ can help when I am available/easy to give	9	3%	
11	Spend time with family/ child	9	3%	
12	Just joined/ too soon to tell	7	2%	
19	Music ministry uplifting/ brings people closer to God	7	2%	
1	Serving God	5	2%	
18	Organized/ attention to detail	4	1%	
15	Shaping future of parish	1	*	
	Other	10	4%	

Note: Includes multiple responses

Q12. Other reasons not participating. (About 90 comments; percentage off 473-total)

Code	Category	# responses	% responses
2	Illness/self or take care of sick family member	14	3%
4	New to parish	10	2%
1	Don't have time due to work commitments	8	2%
14	Travel often/ have two homes/ out of town a lot	7	1%
10	Combination of reasons listed	6	1%
6	Distance to church	6	1%
7	Family needs /that takes precedence	5	1%
9	Other commitments take up my time	5	1%
12	Not interested/at this time in life/ not motivated/bashful/my fault	5	1%
3	Have signed up but not contacted	3	1%
11	No one asked me/ want personal invitation	3	1%
15	Tried but didn't like task given / leaders don't welcome new ideas	2	*

Q13a. Other ways to encourage participation. Percentage off 473-total)

Code	Category	# responses	% responses
5	More literature/ specific info about ministry/feature different ministry in bulletin each week/ presentations	17	4%
6	Follow up with interested people	6	2%
12	Stress/remind need/call to participate in homily/at Mass	6	2%
13	No need to improve	5	1%
15	Suggestions for new ministry (specified)	5	1%
7	Shepherd program within ministries	4	1%
2	Provide childcare	3	1%
3	Events that include families/ events for youth/ young adults/ children/ teens	3	1%
4	Shorter Mass/ shorter family Mass	3	1%
10	Focus on way for people to find their gifts	3	1%
8	Guest program/ come see what ministry is about/try and see	2	*
11	Consolidate/ update /eliminate ministry offerings	2	*
14	Don't want to be scolded about participation	1	*

Q14. Other ideas for new ministries. Percentage off 473-total

Code	Category	# responses	% responses
3	Young adult ministry/young marrieds/singles/30-somethings	4	1%
4	Help needy families/ orphans/ meals for homeless	4	1%
5	Bible study for children/youth small groups/retreats	4	1%
7	Different kinds of small groups/religious education alternatives	4	1%
1	Family events	2	*
2	Girl Scouts	2	*
8	Marriage prep or Natural Family Planning classes	2	*

Q19. Social Events Other events attended. Base off 473-total)

Code	Category	# responses	% responses
2	Christmas Bazaar	21	4%
1	St. Patrick's Day party	13	3%
8	Christmas Party/ Tree Lighting	8	2%
6	Consignment Sale	6	1%
12	Pastor's Masters	4	1%
11	Easter Egg Hunt	3	*
7	Jeopardy Night/Trivia Night	2	*
9	Mardi Gras	2	*
5	Sarah Hart Concert	1	*

Q21. Why do you attend St. Luke social events?

Base= 287				
Code	Category	# responses	% responses	Cumulative %
1	Fellowship/ camaraderie/ like fellow parishioners/ spend time with friends/ meet new people/parishioners	153	53%	53%
2	Be with other/ Catholic families/ fun for family/ kids/ family-friendly events	62	22%	75%
4	Support parish/ friends involved/ ministry	60	21%	96%
5	Entertainment/ fun/ good time/ appealing	55	19%	
3	Stay connected/ for/ to build community/ belonging/ parish is a family	40	14%	
6	Enjoy helping/ part of host ministry on the event	22	8%	
8	Support church/ cause financially	18	6%	
7	For the music/ Love the music	12	4%	
11	Strengthen/ grow in faith/ learn more about faith/enrich children's faith	9	3%	
9	For the food/ like the food/ don't have to cook	7	2%	
10	Something I'm interested in	6	2%	
12	Time/ event was convenient	3	1%	

Note: Includes multiple responses

Q22. Why do you NOT attend (many) social events?

Base= 198				
Code	Category	# responses	% responses	Cumulative %
1	No time/ schedule conflicts/ too busy	101	51%	51%
7	Don't want to go alone/ don't know anyone attending/ don't know people well enough/ shy/ don't like large social situations	17	9%	60%
2	Not interested in events/ specific events	17	9%	69%
8	New to parish	15	8%	77%
11	Illness/ old age of self/ family member	14	7%	84%
3	Young children/ need for childcare/ events not child-friendly	13	7%	
9	Not for our age group/ or not for singles	12	6%	
4	Too far away	10	5%	
5	No transportation/can't drive at night	9	5%	
12	Family members not interested/ parishioners/ won't go alone	6	3%	
13	Out of town a lot/ second home/ part-time resident	6	3%	
10	Not well advertised/ don't know about it/ in time	4	2%	
6	Cliques/ groups/ always same people	3	2%	

Note: Includes multiple responses

Q23. Other Potential New Social Events. (Base off 473-total)

Code	Category	# responses	% responses
5	Family nights by age/ game nights	4	1%
9	Youth events/ speakers	4	1%
8	Speakers on social justice/ other topics	2	*
12	Small faith groups	2	*
1	Wine tasting	1	*
2	Bless animals	1	*
3	BINGO	1	*
4	Bowling league	1	*
6	Young adult/ no kids events	1	*
7	Parish picnic	1	*
10	Theater night	1	*
11	Golf league	1	*

Q25. What ideas do you have to make the parish more welcoming to new parishioners?

Base= 473				
Code	Category	#	%	Cumulative %
4	Host/ mentor/ shepherd family/ similar in age/family type	19	4%	4%
1	Follow-up calls/ or meetings/ sessions/ after orientation/ by parishioners similar in age/family type/ to answer questions/ invite to events	18	4%	8%
3	Coffee donuts/mixer after Mass	14	3%	11%
17	General hospitality/ all parishioners be aware and make newcomers feel welcome/ greet at Mass/ eye contact	11	2%	13%
19	More social events/ newcomer events/ follow-up events	8	2%	15%
7	Always have greeters at Mass/ good greeters/ mix of ages	7	1%	16%
22	More contact/ greeting by pastor/ welcome committee/ coordinator/ lunch/dinner with Pastor	7	1%	17%
2	Personal invitation by ministry people to check out each ministry	7	1%	18%
21	More space/ need new church	6	1%	19%
8	Newsletter/ bulletin board/ bulletin listing/ pictures of new parishioners/ introduce at Mass	5	1%	20%
6	Changes to Hispanic ministry/ to multi-cultural/ announcements in Spanish/ publicize Spanish Mass	4	1%	21%
18	More young families as greeters/ more young family events	4	1%	22%
11	Attitude of inclusiveness/ welcoming/ interest in new people/ ideas among ministry members	4	1%	23%
15	Fewer announcements/ unnecessary chats from pulpit	3	*	
5	Parish sponsored musical/ Christmas concert/ show	2	*	
13	Athletics	2	*	
14	Newcomers table/ vestibule area for meet and greet/ newcomers room	2	*	
20	Newcomers Mass	2	*	
9	Welcome sign on road entrance	1	*	
10	Knights of Columbus should contact all new males	1	*	
12	Divide into geographic clusters like St. Gabe's	1	*	

Note: Includes multiple responses

Q30. If there is one thing you could change about St. Luke to make it better meet your future needs, what would it be?

Base= 473				
Code	Category	#	%	Cumulative %
3	Need more space/too crowded/worship crowded/	60	13%	13%
7	Want real church / not shared worship space/ tabernacle in church/ stained glass/ statues, etc.	14	3%	16%
16	Keep Father Jim/ find new priest just like him	13	3%	19%
23	Want more Mass times/ add earlier Sunday morning	12	3%	22%
1	Nothing/love it/ great parish	11	2%	24%
2	Move closer to home	10	2%	26%
11	Want church to stay put/stay close/ in Mint Hill	9	2%	28%
17	Don't let St. Luke get too big/ lose small/ community feel	8	2%	30%
38	More spiritual programs/ more traditional liturgy	8	2%	32%
28	Get more participation from parishioners	8	2%	34%
4	Want kneelers	6	1%	35%
14	Space needed for ministries/ meetings/ Youth activities/ music room	6	1%	36%
22	Need more parking	6	1%	37%
12	Faith Formation needs more space/ overcrowded	5	1%	38%
15	Want cry room or nursery during Mass	5	1%	39%
13	Faith Formation – want different class times/ Sunday classes	5	1%	40%
35	Build school	5	1%	41%
39	More programs to strengthen faith of children/ youth/ more of Fr. Jim's time for children	5	1%	42%
5	Want pews	4	1%	43%
25	Want new activities/ for young adults no kids / young families, etc.	4	1%	44%
8	Too much talking before Mass/not conducive to prayer/not solemn/ too informal	3	1%	45%
30	Need more priests	3	1%	46%
36	Gymnasium/ athletics	3	1%	47%
41	Don't want it to change at all	3	1%	48%
6	Want more spiritual/traditional practices/ liturgy/holy items/celebrations	2	*	
37	Need more storage space	2	*	
9	Don't like announcements from pulpit at end of Mass	1	*	
24	Ministries/ groups too clique-ish/ newcomers don't feel welcome to join/ don't get called when want to join	1	*	
21	Disruptive children at Mass	1	*	
33	Want missals	1	*	

Comments (available online only)

90 comments given. Some of the comments were entered by data entry volunteers from notes written in margins of individual questions, and they are not coded. Please see Appendix for all Comments.

Base= 90				
Code	Category	#	%	Cumulative %
4	Love St. Luke/ keep simple/ don't change good things about it/ look forward to Mass each week	17	19%	19%
1	Positive comments on survey/ parish efforts/ liked online/ thanks for asking for input	13	14%	33%
2	Negative comments on survey/ bad time of year/ parts hard to answer/ too new	11	12%	45%
3	Fr. Jim makes St. Luke/ love Fr. Jim	7	8%	53%
5	Beef up website/ use website/ email more	2	2%	55%
7	Don't want/ need bigger church/ want more parishes	2	2%	57%
6	Questions about/ interested in survey results	1	1%	58%
	Other individual comments	17	19%	
	Notes to correspond with specific questions	29	32%	