



LOVE, NOT JUDGEMENT, IS FOUND HERE.

APRIL 2019

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)



You are the Light

Spring has sprung. The trees are leafing out. Flowers are blooming. The days are getting longer. After a long, cloudy, rainy winter, we are FINALLY seeing the sun. Oh, how I love to see the sun. I sometimes forget how much I am missing the light until it bursts forth.

Have you noticed that people just seem happier and healthier as we emerge from the darkness?

It was recently pointed out to me that Jesus calls himself “The light of the world” AND he says to those who follow him “You are the light of the world.” How can this be that Jesus is the light and we are the light? It makes sense when we realize that we are the body of Christ. Jesus lived among humanity, but once he left, his presence remained in those who recognize and align with the message he brought. In the communion liturgy I pray “....by your Spirit, makes us one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to all the world.”

When we live as Christ, we are sharing the light with the world. When we offer food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, faith to the doubting, comfort to the hurting we are Christ in the world.

How often we shake our heads at the way things aren’t quite right in the world. We are troubled by the darkness, saddened by the division and anxious about the future. We want things to be different and sometimes find ourselves saying, “Someone should do something.”

When we are called to be the light of the world, we are the someone who should do something. You are someone. You can be the something different that you long to see. You are the light of the world.

As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, let it remind us of the ways we can and should share the light of Christ by the ways we live as Christ in the world.



Blessings, Pastor Betsy



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

It is very exciting in the children's area!

Bunnies and Baskets will be Saturday, April 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Please join us for egg hunting, cookies and lemonade, crafts and a picture with the Easter Bunny! All you need is your Easter basket and your camera. Please invite friends to come with you. If you can help we would love for you to donate stuffed plastic eggs to hide and cookies to share. Also will need helpers to hide eggs and serve cookies. Hope you can be there.

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday July 8 – Friday, July 12, 9:00-11:30 at Broadmoor Methodist. We will be paying for any St Luke's kids to go so please let me know so we can get the early registration forms. We are also going to need some volunteers to help with the different crews. They are pairing 2 adults with one teen per crew this year. If you are interested let me know. It's lots of fun and you just show up and take the children to the different activities.

Thank you to all who have helped with the children in Sunday school, Children's Church and with snacks. It has been wonderful to have each of you who participated with our kids. Please continue to look on sign up genius and choose a time when you can help!

Thank you for your support! Christy Terrill, Director of Children's Ministries | 318-470-0779 | cwt125@bellsouth.net



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

The Handbell Choir blessed congregation members with two musical selections for both services on March 17th. We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our Handbell Choir members!

The Chancel Choir is working on special music for both services on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Our presentation, "Blessed One, Messiah!," will include anthems representing the events of Holy Week interspersed with scripture and narration. Please join us and invite friends to share this meaningful musical experience!

On Sunday, May 5th, the Southern Plainsmen will perform here at St. Luke's. We will have a churchwide potluck supper at 5 PM followed by this concert of gospel and Christian witness at 6 PM. Please mark your calendars for an evening of fellowship and beautiful harmony.

Beth Duet

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Pope Francis had a few ideas about fasting during Lent that I think we can adapt as we enter into the third week of Lent. He suggested the following:

Fast from Hurting Words and say Kind Words.

Fast from Sadness and be filled with Gratitude.

Fast from Anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from Worry and Trust in God.

Fast from Grudges and be Reconciled.

Fast from Words and be Silent so you can listen.

Let us remember that the best gift we can give each other is the gift of silence for in the silence we can truly hear the other. James 1: 19 reminds us to "be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

April 6: Clean up day 9 am till noonish ...Youth we will be helping

April 13: Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 till 11:30...Youth will hide eggs...

April 14: Palm Sunday..Youth will meet after service for activities

April 18: Maundy Thursday ..Youth will help with the drama...

April 21: Easter ...No youth activities

April 28: Youth will meet after 10:45 for activities..

Bridge Buddies began March 10th and we are off to a great start.

We are discovering what it means to worship, what it means to be courageous, what the season of Lent means...and we are learning to walk with our Buddies through the unfamiliar. We learned courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying I will try again tomorrow. May the remainder of Lent be a time to reflect on God!

Peace of Christ,

Momma T

AMOR at St Luke's is continuing to grow. It is growing in several ways. The obvious growth is in the increase of numbers. There are over 60 every week at Low Key. There is a new AA meeting that is a women's meeting on Thursdays. Attendance at the other established meetings is steady and consistent.

There is other growth that is not so obvious. We now have childcare at Low Key that means that many single parents can attend. At least one treatment center and several sober houses have made Low Key a part of their regular schedule. There is more and more connection between the AMOR recovery ministry and our other ministries of worship, spiritual formation, and special events.

Shreveport/Bossier City is grateful for what St Luke's is doing in recovery ministry. You can hear it all over. Special credit is due the volunteers and childcare workers. This ministry is thriving because there are those who faithfully welcome, serve food, answer questions, wash feet, and just love on folks. Thanks be to God. David "Bing" Bingham

Healthy Lifestyles Meetings

Healthy Lifestyle- April 14 One of the aspects of a Healthy Lifestyle is our spiritual life. So with that in mind we will be taking a field trip to the Rock Chapel near Mansfield, LA.

Meet at the church at 1:30pm and we will car pool to the Rock Chapel. This is open to everyone who would like to join us.

Then for May 5: Church Wide Potluck at 5pm prior to the concert. Since it's May 5th our theme will be Cinco De Mayo as far as decorations, feel free to bring Mexican dishes if you like. Debbie Lafitte



Pumpkins have been ordered. We will be unloading a Semi truck on Sunday September 29 @ 1pm. "Let's start praying for Sunshine."

Your Pumpkin Patch Committee



St. Luke Book Club

To avoid a conflict with Easter, the Book Club will meet on the 4th Sunday in April. We are reading The Man Born to Be King by Dorothy L. Sayers. This famous radio play was first performed on the BBC in 1943 and so impressed the great Christian apologist, C. S. Lewis, that he read it every Holy Week thereafter. Sayers remains true to the gospels while bringing to life this true story of the turning point of history. Join us on April 28th at 3:00 pm for an inspirational and spirited discussion.

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WORSHIP

SUNDAYS, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

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SUNDAYS

APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28

WORSHIP, 8:30 & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP, NOON - 2 PM
AA, 7 PM

APRIL 7

BIBLE BLITZ 5 PM

APRIL 14

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, 2 PM

CIRCLE SERVICE, 5:15 PM

APRIL 28

BOOK CLUB, 3 - 5 PM

MONDAYS

APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

AA, 8 PM

APRIL 1

MISSIONS, 5:30 PM

APRIL 15

TRUSTEES, 7 PM

TUESDAYS

APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

STAFF MEETING, 10:30 AM
CENTERING PRAYER, 4 PM
YOUNG ADULTS, 5:45 PM
(9TH IS TACO TUESDAY)

APRIL 2

WORSHIP COMMITTEE, 2 PM

APRIL 23

COMMUNICATIONS, 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS

APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24

KOINONIA, 7 AM
HANDBELLS, 5:30 PM
CHANCEL CHOIR, 6:30 PM
AA, 7 PM

THURSDAYS

APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25

YOUNG ADULTS, 6:50 AM
LECTIO DIVINA, 8 AM
CRAFTERS, 10 AM
AA, 6:30 & 7:30 PM

APRIL 11

UPPER THIRD, 11:30 AM

APRIL 18

WOMEN'S MINISTRY, NOON

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 5:30 PM

APRIL 25

CRAFTERS 4 MISSION, 5:30 PM

UMM, 6:30 PM

FRIDAYS

APRIL 5, 12, 19, 26

LOW KEY SERVICE, 6 PM
AA, 8 PM

APRIL 19

GOOD FRIDAY SVC., 12:15 PM

SATURDAYS

APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27

AA, 10 AM
ALANON, 10 AM

APRIL 6

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY, 9:00 AM

APRIL 13

BUNNIES & BASKETS, 9:30 AM