



AND DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS, FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES GOD IS PLEASED. HEB 13:16



Rusty and I want to say thank you for such a warm welcome to St. Luke's and to Shreveport. It is good to be back home. We have enjoyed meeting you and look forward to getting to know you better. I am especially grateful that you have been wearing your nametags as I

continue to learn your name. They have been a big help. A few of you have said you need a nametag and that is easy to fix. Just email Debra, our Office Administrator, at admin@stlukesumc.community and she will fix you right up.

The neighborhood meetings have also been a blessing as I begin my ministry with you. They were fun and informative. I am going to give a full report of my learnings on Tuesday, August 20th at the Church Council meeting, but there was one thing that resonated at every meeting. There is a consensus among those who attended for more children and youth filling our classrooms and their laughter filling our hallways.

In one neighborhood meeting when I asked about reaching out to new people they came up with the idea to bake cookies on the first day of school to share with the families that use our parking lot before and after school to pick up their children. Along with those cookies we are going to attach a card with information about our children and youth ministries and invite them to have their backpacks blessed on Sunday, August 18th at the 10:45 service as well as receive free school supplies at that service.

I have no idea what will happen with such an invitation, but I want to ask you to start praying for the harvest. There are other ways you can help as well.

Besides your prayers:

If you are a cookie baker, contact Leslie Nolan.

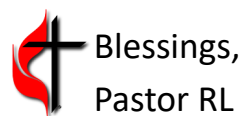
If you have the gift of hospitality, you can help pass out cookies on August 12th beginning at 2:15 p.m.

If you are an organizer you can help us put together our free school supply gift packets to hand out (watch Facebook for date and time or call the church office).

And if you can, please donate to the school supply drive. (After we have shared your donations with our

church kids and guests, we will give the remaining donations to Common Ground.)

This is a great mission to help our kids start off the school year with a two-fold blessing – blessing of their backpack and a blessing of school supplies. Not to mention a creative way to offer hospitality and perhaps even a new church home to a family that will visit St. Luke's because they were invited through a sweet treat and a smile.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Happy Back to School! I hope you are enjoying your last days of summer! The children's ministries are collecting school supplies to help children in our church family & outside our church family start back to school with needed supplies. It's so important that children start with what they need so they feel confident and ready to be a part of their new classroom. If you can pick up a few supplies or send a donation for us to purchase supplies, it would be greatly appreciated.

We had a wonderful time at VBS! Thank you to Broadmoor United Methodist Church for including us! Thank you to all who volunteered and donated to this exciting way to learn about God's love!

We will also have a new Sign Up Genius page starting the first part of August. There will be places to sign up to volunteer to help in the nursery, Sunday School & during Children's Church. There will also be a place to sign up to bring snacks. We hope you find a time to join the children for Bible stories, crafts, games & snacks! Check out our Face Book page to see what's going on each Sunday! Don't forget to bring your backpack to church on Sun. Aug. 18th for the *Blessing of the Backpacks*!

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

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

FAVORITE HYMNS

Have you filled out the bulletin insert to share your favorite hymn and why it is your favorite? If not, please do so soon! We will sing some of the congregation's favorite hymns in the coming weeks and we would love to include yours!

"OLD TIME RELIGION SUNDAY" COMING SOON!

The Chancel Choir will sing a medley of gospel songs and other gospel selections during both services on August 25th. Following the 10:45AM service, St. Luke's Methodist Men will have a fish fry and they hope that you will bring desserts or ice cream. What a fun morning of worship and fellowship! Please invite some friends!

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir is hard at work preparing "Fly Away Medley" and other gospel selections for Old Time Religion Sunday. After that, we will begin to work on "Have You Heard? A Celtic Christmas Celebration." This cantata is simply beautiful and meaningful! Would you like to sing "Have You Heard?" with us on December 15th? Please let Beth Duet know so that she can share more information with you. We would love to have those of you who love to sing on special occasions join us! Thanks to the generous donor who gave funds with which the Christmas cantata was purchased!

BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 7th, at 5:30PM. The bells are freshly polished and new music has been selected for the Fall! We have one opening if you would like to join us! You do not need to be a music expert to become part of the ensemble and the fellowship.

INVITATION TO JOIN ST. LUKE'S MUSIC MINISTRY

If you would like to share your musical talents (or develop your talents) with your church family, please let Beth Duet, Director of Music Ministry, know. We are always glad to see new faces! The Bell Choir meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15PM and the Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 6:30PM – 7:30PM. See the bold sentences above for the latest opportunities or feel free to come to a rehearsal!

Gratefully,

Beth Duet, Director of Music Ministry | music@stlukesumc.community | 985-991-9617



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our senior high youth have helped out several times at the Common Ground Community Center this summer. They were a great help stocking the food pantry and helping folks with their groceries. The best gifts they gave were warm smiles and words of encouragement to all. Thanks to all!

We are fast approaching the beginning of a new school year although it seems like summer just got into full swing. I just love to shop for new school supplies. Everything is new unbroken crayons, new pencils, new folders, & new competition books. But times are changing; here you can go online, look up your school, order everything and have them delivered to your door! What? No lines, no digging through a pile of folders trying to find the green folder that the 3rd grade teacher requires for entry into the classroom? Thank goodness there are no such requirements to enter into a relationship with Jesus. Scripture tells us that "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Gal 3:28.

Mark your calendar for the following dates in August:

- Aug 8 Last senior high prayer dinner.
 - Aug 11 Youth Back to School fun..."Escape Back to School" escape room fun..
 - Aug 18 Blessing of the Backpacks
 - Aug 22 1st prayer breakfast of the new school year is at 6:50 am.
 - Aug 25 Old Time Religion Sunday & Church wide fish fry...
- Blessings from the St. Luke's Youth Department!



Aaron and Jonathan at Common Ground

Momma T, ISpiritual Director of Youth
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AMOR/Low Key continues growing and changing. We are now providing much needed child care for children whose parents are active in Low Key. These children are also served by St Luke's back-to-school support with backpacks and supplies for the new school year. It is beautiful to see how our family is growing. It is the children and their families that are showing us new ways to serve our neighbors in the recovery community.

We will be hosting another 12 Step group for their weekly meeting beginning in August. We can thank God that we are able to be even better stewards of our building and grounds with all of the active ministry that occurs throughout the week.

The new sound system in the sanctuary was bought through a partnership of Low Key supporters and the St Luke's members. Special thanks to Gregg Gregory for his expert help setting up the system. There are so many ways that we will benefit from this.

You all continue to show the extravagant welcome of Jesus through AMOR/Low Key by offering the gift of love, not judgment. Thanks be to God.

Grace and Peace, Bing | Lay Pastor | recovery@stlukesumc.community



Healthy Lifestyles

On August 11th at 2:00pm in the Genesis Classroom we will have a guest speaker, Denise Kilosky. She will speak on "Emotional Freedom" using an acupressure tapping technique.



Women's Ministry

On August 15th, we will be going out to eat at 11:30. Place: TBD

Upper Third

Join us on August 8th, 2019 at 11:30am in the gym.. Our Special Guest is Donna Aubrey from the NWLA Food Bank. Thank you, Donnie

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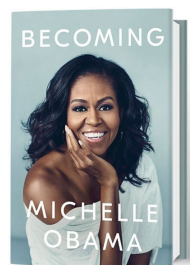
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St. Luke Book Club

The St. Luke's Book Club is reading Michelle Obama's memoir, *Becoming*, in preparation for our September meeting. At that time, we will also decide on our selections for the coming year. Have a great summer, everyone!

Gerrie





AUGUST 2019

SUNDAYS

AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25

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

AUGUST 11

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, 2 PM
CIRCLE SERVICE, 5:15 PM

AUGUST 25

OLD TIME RELIGION SUNDAY
MM FISH FRY, 12:30PM

MONDAYS

AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26

AA, 8 PM

AUGUST 19

TRUSTEES, 7:00 PM

TUESDAYS

AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27

STAFF MEETING, 10:30 AM
CENTERING PRAYER, 4 PM
YOUNG ADULTS, 5:45 PM
(13TH IS TACO TUESDAY)

AUGUST 6

AUGUST 20

WORSHIP COMM, 2:00 PM
FINANCE, 6:00 PM
CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28

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

THURSDAYS

AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 4

AA, 6:30 & 7:30PM

AUGUST 8

UPPER THIRD, 11:30 AM
SR. HIGH PRAYER DIN, 6:30 PM

AUGUST 15

WOMEN'S MINISTRY, 11:30 AM
CRAFTERS, 10 AM

AUGUST 1

SR. HIGH PRAYER DINNER, 6:30 PM
CRAFTERS, 10 AM

AUGUST 22

COMMON GROUND, 5:15 PM
CRAFTERS 4 MISSION, 5:30 PM
ST. LUKE'S MM, 6:30 PM

AUGUST 22, 29

SR. HIGH PRAYER BKFST, 6:50 AM

AUGUST 29

CRAFTERS, 10 AM

FRIDAYS

AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

LOW KEY SERVICE, 6 PM
AA, 8 PM

SATURDAYS

AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

AA, 10 AM
ALANON, 10 AM

AUGUST 17

AUGUST 24

SRSG, 10:00 AM—2PM
CRAFTING 4 MISSIONS (Gym)