



LOVE, NOT JUDGEMENT, IS FOUND HERE.

JANUARY 2020

I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE. YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY, YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS, YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS. – JOEL 2:28



I don't know about you, but I love a new calendar. There is something about a new calendar with its crisp pages, no dog-eared corners or eraser marks that brings with it possibility, adventure, second chances and do-overs. We get an

opportunity to re-imagine ourselves, our work, and maybe even a few relationships.

The same holds true for our church. The new year is also a great opportunity to re-imagine our work, set goals and dream dreams. That is why I want to invite you all to 2020 Vision on Saturday, January 11 from 9:30 to noon. It will be a morning of dreaming and visioning, goal setting and planning. You will have the opportunity to help set a course for our future. All ages are welcome. You do not have to be on any particular committee to participate and all ideas are welcome. A continental breakfast will be served and a nursery will be available for up to 4th grade.

God is doing great things at St. Luke's.



Pastor RL



Your church staff at St. Luke's would like to thank you all for your gifts, hugs, prayers, support, cards, goodies, treats and financial gift we have received through out this Christmas season. It is our pleasure to serve this church and alongside you as together we do the work God is calling each of us to do.

Thank you for making St. Luke's such a great place to come to work,

Your church staff

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Happy New Year!

This has been a wonderful year for the Children's ministries. Thank you to all who have volunteered to teach, bring snacks, worked at all the different events, made donations, prayed for us, & helped with our angel tree. Our numbers are growing & our children are so much fun to be with as they learn about God's love. Our children's ministry is so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation to share our sweet children with.

Thank you again & please plan to join with us again as we continue to grow!

I wanted to say a special thank you to all who helped with the CADA Angel Tree! It was just amazing to see the response from all who took an angel! Everyone went above & beyond with gifts. The women were so excited & very thankful to receive such a wonderful Christmas for their children. Please continue to pray for them as they are also learning to trust & grow in God's love.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

As we enter the New Year, I would like to express my gratitude for the dedicated musicians who worked to bring you meaningful music for the Christmas season!

The Bell Choir played Westminster Chimes and O Come, Christmas Joy to ring in Advent on December 1st. The Christmas Singers presented Have You Heard? A Celtic Christmas Celebration on December 15th. Special thanks to SueEllen Coleman for the beautiful accompaniment and to Gregg Gregory for sound; to Aeryn, Ava, and Olive for joining us; to Leslie Nolan and Steve Terrill for the narration; to the soloists and ensemble members (Emily, Payton, Collin, Aaliyah, Calvin, Nancye, and Mary H) and to Rachel for nursery support.

Several members of the congregation have spoken to me about joining the choir. We would LOVE to have you come on a Wednesday evening and give us a try! We will resume regular rehearsals for the Chancel Choir (6:30PM) and Bell Choir (5:30PM) on January 8th. A nursery is provided for the Chancel Choir and, if you give me a heads up on children coming, we can make sure we have the workers to provide for them.

Thank you, church family, for your support! I love working in such a special place!

Gratefully,
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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

St Luke's traveled to Marshall, Texas for our annual Christmas dinner at the Jalapeño Tree and Ice skating in downtown Marshall. Some of the old timers recalled past trips to Marshall and laughed thinking about just how many trips have been made. We really couldn't decide exactly how many but perhaps 20!!! That's a great fun tradition to carry on. We look to the new year to keep some old traditions and add new ones.

As we look to the coming New Year I offer this prayer for us to reflect on:

I pray for the "wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the Word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard." St. Patrick



Momma T, I Spiritual Director of Youth! taniaalang50@gmail.com

AMOR News

THANK YOU!!

AMOR at St Luke's is a noteworthy presence in the recovery community of Shreveport/Bossier City. People know about our commitment to people in recovery. This ministry touches hundreds of lives every week because of our support. I hear "Thank you" repeatedly every week. All of this is happening because you have given God money, organization, prayers, and volunteer time to work with. And God is doing great things. There are nine different recovery meetings at St Luke's every week. There are also business meetings, meals, and social gatherings every month.

Low Key speaks for itself. It is a unique experience that is different every week. The steadfast support of St Luke's created this ministry that just celebrated three years in December. The Low Key family includes long-time regulars and newcomers every week. Low Key provides the special help of childcare every week so that parents of small children can share in the service.

We have developed a special relationship with the families of CADA Family Hall. Grace Community Church provides transportation and drivers every week so that the mothers and children of Family Hall can be part of Low Key. The Angel Tree blessing that you supported this year changed Christmas for these families in beautiful ways. Belonging is a transforming experience.

AMOR is changing its path a bit this year. We are at the end of the two-year grant St Luke's provided to support this ministry with staff and expenses. We are now gathering other financial support and resources to cover all of the expenses of AMOR. St Luke's is always a big part of that. As we begin this new year, please continue to pray for AMOR. Drop in and experience Low Key some Friday. Volunteer to help. And please consider financial support in the coming year.

Grace and peace – and good mojo! Bing

Healthy Lifestyles

New Year & A Healthier You is our theme for 2020. Join us each monthly on the 2nd Sunday at our new time of 1:00PM for Healthy Lifestyles. We will start each meeting with a low impact exercise program followed by a group discussion of healthy lifestyle topics. -Debbie



Crafting 4 Missions / Methodist Men

Both Groups will meet in January.

Crafting 4 Missions meets 1/23/20 @ 5:30pm

St. Luke's Methodist Men meets 1/23/20 at 6:30 pm

Debbie Laffitte/ Larry Blair

Methodist Women January Meeting

Join us Jan. 16th at 12 noon in the Conf. Room. All women are invited.

Upper Third

Upper Third is January 9, 2020 at 11:30pm in the Gym. Join us for:

Food, Fun, and Fellowship.

Thank you, Donnie

St. Luke Book Club

Join us on January 19, 2020, when we will discuss a historical novel by M. L. Stedman, *The Light Between Oceans*. Set in Australia at the conclusion of World War I, this is a captivating story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife who make a choice that changes two worlds.

We will meet in the church library at 3:00 pm.



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SUNDAYS, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM

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SUNDAYS

JANUARY 5,12,19,26

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

JANUARY 12

CIRCLE SERVICE, 5:15 PM
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, 1:00 PM

JANUARY 19

BOOK CLUB, 3PM

MONDAYS

JANUARY 6,13,20,27

AA, 7 & 7 PM

JANUARY 13

SPIRITUAL FORMATION, 6:00 PM

JANUARY 20

TRUSTEES, 7:00 PM

TUESDAYS

JANUARY 7,14,21,28

SR. HIGH PRAYER BKFST, 6:50 AM
CENTERING PRAYER, 4 PM
YOUNG ADULTS, 5:45 PM
(14TH IS TACO TUESDAY)
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GRP, 6:00 PM

JANUARY 7

WORSHIP COMM, 2:00 PM

JANUARY 7,21

STAFF MEETING, 10:30 Am

WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY 1,8,15,22,29

KOINONIA, 7 AM (NO KOINOINA ON 1/1)
HANDBELLS, 5:30 PM (NO BELLS ON 1/1)
CHANCEL CHOIR, 6:30 PM (NO CHOIR ON 1/1)
AA, 7 PM

JANUARY 1

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAYS

JANUARY 2,9,16,23,30

AA, 6:30 & 7:30PM

JANUARY 9

UPPER THIRD, 11:30 AM

JANUARY 9,16,23,30

JOURNALING, 6:30 PM

JANUARY 16

COMMON GROUND, 5:15 PM

JANUARY 23

CRAFTERS 4 MISSIONS, 5:30 PM

JANUARY 2,16,30

CRAFTERS, 10 AM

METHODIST MEN, 6:30 PM

FRIDAYS

JANUARY 3,10,17,24,31

LOW KEY SERVICE, 6 PM
AA, 8 PM

SATURDAYS

JANUARY 4,11,18,25

AA, 10 AM
AL-ANON, 10 AM

JANUARY 11

2020 VISION, 9:00 AM-NOON

JANUARY 18

SRSR, 10 AM-2 PM

JANUARY 25

SCRAPBOOK/CRAFT 9AM- 5PM