

Welcome R.L. and Rusty!



As I write this article I find myself living among boxes. In fact when you read this I will probably still be living among boxes. Boxes that are filled with things we need like pots and pans and clothes and shoes. But also boxes filled with memories like wedding pictures of that day

almost 38 years ago when I said "I do" to Rusty, and artifacts our daughters made over the years like pottery and pictures that we scatter among the house and call it decor. There is even a box that holds all of my diplomas that usually hang very prestigiously on my office wall as I have a BA in Christian Education from Centenary College, a Masters of Divinity from New Orleans Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry in Evangelism from Perkins School of Theology. I look really great on paper but as you get to know me, you will find I can be pretty goofy in person.

I love to laugh and am very much a people person. When I am not spending time with you, I love to spend time with my family. Our oldest daughter, Heather, is married to Jeff Sullivan, who drives an 18 wheeler for Fed Ex and they have two boys Liam (6) and "Ducky" who is 3 but will tell you he is 5. They live in Denham Springs where Heather is the pastor at Magnolia United Methodist Church. Our youngest daughter, Jamie is a social worker for the Eckerd Foundation and works with at risk children. She is married to Lance Carter, who is a policeman in Lafayette. They have one daughter, Blake, who will be in 2 in July.

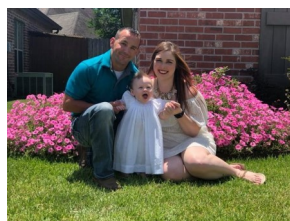
We are looking forward to returning to Shreveport as we are both Byrd High grads, but I am especially excited to be coming to St. Luke's. Your SPRC chair, Kristen Davis, is setting up some "neighborhood meetings" for me to have an opportunity to meet you in smaller groups and listen to your hopes, dreams and visions for ministry. It will be a great opportunity for us visit and for me to answer those FAQs like "what do we call you?" and "how do you pronounce your first name?" I do hope you will make plans to attend one that best meets your schedule.

July 7 will be my first Sunday with you, and I don't know about you, but I can't wait!!!

Invite someone to join you on the journey,



Blessings, R.L.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

VBS "Roar" is almost here. We are joining Broadmoor United Methodist Church this year from July 8-12, 9:30 am-noon. There is a donations- needed board in the narthex of the church if you would like to help. Boxes of any kind, shape & size are needed & also donations to help with our registration. Please leave any boxes in the prayer room. Thank you for your support of our children as we get ready for a roaring good time!!!

We have a few events that are in the making so watch for upcoming posts so that you can participate. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page and like us! We also will be updating the Sign up Genius page so, if you would like to volunteer on a Sunday morning we would love to see you!

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

To St. Luke's from Betsy and Clay

Dear St. Luke's,

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for the loving, gracious and FUN sendoff you gave to Clay and me. The music, the prayer blankets, the beauty of the altar and table decorations, the prayers, the art, the floor mat, the cards, the hugs, the kind words, the love gift that helps us visit the grandchildren, the shared meal and laughter blessed us immensely. St. Luke's family, you are forever a part of us, forever in our hearts. Thank you so much for all your generous expressions of love for us. As we move into this next season, we pray God's blessings on you. We'll see you on the road to the kingdom!!

Much love and many blessings,

Betsy and Clay



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

CHANCEL CHOIR

Thank you, Chancel Choir, for your dedication and hard work during May and June! We sang several new anthems and prepared special music for Betsy's last Sunday. I know that Betsy and the congregation appreciated the gifts of music that you shared. During July we will sing some familiar music, but will also begin work on a medley of popular gospel hymns and beloved spirituals to sing in the Fall. We will rehearse as usual except for no rehearsal on Wednesday evening, July 3rd.

BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir met for a fellowship luncheon during June and said "so long" to Linda Neagle as she prepared to move to Gulfport. We enjoyed each other's company and hope to gather for a meal again in the near future. The Bell Choir is not meeting regularly during June and July.

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 Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 6:30PM – 7:30PM. Feel free to come to a rehearsal!

Gratefully,

Beth Duet, Director of Music Ministry/ music@stlukesumc.community

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

St. Luke's is so very proud of our youth who give their time in service to our church & community.

Ava & Olive are two of our Acolytes. The word Acolyte is an ancient Greek word that means companion, attendant, or helper. They are to carry the light of Christ at the beginning of Sunday worship and at the close of worship they bring the light of Christ into the world!

Aaron & Johnathan have been helping serve folks at Common Ground Community. They help stock the shelves with food and help folks with food selection. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ into the community!

Let's learn from our youth. Where are you shining the light of Christ?

Let your light shine,

Momma T, *Spiritual Director of Youth*



Ava and Olive-two of our Acolytes



Aaron and Jonathan at Common Ground

St. Luke's - What a difference you make!

St. Luke's recently received a thank you note from the Saturday morning Maverick group of AA. Here are some of the things they wrote to you:

"Your consistent support is more influential and appreciated than you may imagine. We are grateful. May the love and blessings come back multi-fold." - Barbara

"Thank you, St. Luke's members. We dearly appreciate the welcome you continue to give us." -Samantha

"Thank you so much for your kindness." - Karen

"Thank you for opening your home and giving us a home of our own." - Matt

"Thank you so much for allowing us to meet at St. Luke's! It's my favorite meeting!" - Paul

"Thank you so much for giving us (and other AA groups) a wonderful, beautiful home for 22 years and counting!" - Kathleen

"Thank you for the meetings here. They are saving my life." - Ann

"Thank you for giving me a place to come where I am safe." - Jason B.

"I love the Pumpkin church! Thank you so much for your kindness!" - Karen

"Thank you for loving us! Grace and Peace!" - Maurice

"Thank you for saving my life!" - Paul

Thanks a million for your example of Jesus Christ!" - Nathan

Christmas in July Boutique

Come start your Christmas shopping early. July 27, 9 AM-2 PM at Crafting 4 Missions Christmas in July Boutique.

Concession stand by UMM.

Debbie Laffitte

Women's Ministry

On July 18, we will be going to Ono's Hawaiian Grill @ 4015 Fern Ave. at 11:30.

Debbie Laffitte

Upper Third

Join us on July 11, 2019 at 11:30am in the gym.
Thank you, Donnie



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WORSHIP

SUNDAYS, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM

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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





JULY 2019

SUNDAYS

JULY 7, 14, 21, 28

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

JULY 14

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

MONDAYS

JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

AA, 8 PM

JULY 1

GRIEF SUPPORT, 6:30 PM

TUESDAYS

JULY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

WEDNESDAYS

JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

THURSDAYS

JULY 4

OFFICE IS CLOSED
AA, 6:30 & 7:30PM

JULY 11

UPPER THIRD, 11:30 AM

JULY 18

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

JULY 11, 18, 25

SR. HIGH PRAYER BRUNCH, 11:30 AM
AA, 6:30 & 7:30PM

JULY 25

CRAFTERS 4 MISSION, 5:30 PM
UMM, 6:30 PM

FRIDAYS

JULY 5, 12, 19, 26

LOW KEY SERVICE, 6 PM
AA, 8 PM

SATURDAYS

JULY 6, 13, 20, 27

AA, 10 AM
ALANON, 10 AM

JULY 20

SRSG, 10:00 AM—2PM

JULY 27

XMAS IN JULY BOUTIQUE (Gym)