



“LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD.” PSALM 150



Psalm 150 says, “Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. . . . Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”

These are words of celebration, which is what comes to mind as I reflect on this past month. August was a month to celebrate as looking back we had so many reasons to do so.

It was such a great month with “Back to School and Back to Church” celebrations almost every week. I want to give a big thank you to all the ladies that baked cookies and helped to pass them out to our families that park on the lot after school to pick up their middle school students. It was such a wonderful experience. Parents were so surprised and delighted by the treat and we were so well received that we are going to do it again in September to promote Family Movie Night as well as Pumpkin Patch events.

I also want to say thank you to Christy Terrill and Tania Lang for the great job they did to celebrate Back to School with our children. They had a Back to School Bash that was not only well attended but the children had a blast. Tania and Collin Hughes even transformed the youth room into an escape room to help our youth celebrate back to school. Then there was the Blessing of the Backpacks with gifts for everyone. Also, all of our children from St. Luke’s and Low Key were gifted new backpacks and a complete list of school supplies as well as almost a dozen children received new uniforms, belts, socks and shoes. St. Luke’s has absolutely been the hands and feet of Jesus this month and has sent the message that children matter.

Then what about that choir and the Old Time Religion celebration! Beth Duet and the choir provided us such a meaningful act of worship and a toe tapping good time. They sang some beautiful pieces that were awe inspiring. If you missed it, you will find the service on our [facebook](#) page. Because of an anonymous gift we are now able to live stream our 10:45 service. You can tune in at 10:45 or watch services later on our [facebook](#) page. After worship we were then treated to a fish fry by the Methodist Men that was absolutely delicious. I was told that this

past Sunday we hit an all time attendance record for the weekend with 224 people attending Low Key and the 8:30 & 10:45 worship services. That is certainly reason to celebrate!

There is so much talent at St. Luke’s. You have a very creative and talented staff that leads teams of volunteers who give from the heart. Rusty and I are so enjoying being a part of this congregation and are loving the energy, enthusiasm and team spirit for mission and ministry. I look forward to the many ways God will continue to bless us and all the reasons to celebrate at St. Luke’s.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord,



Blessings,
Pastor RL



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

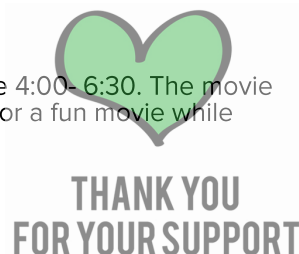
The Children's Ministry has been very busy for the month of August. We planned a donation time for school supplies to be donated and the response was overwhelming. We were able to purchase backpacks and all needed school supplies for almost 20 children. We also were able to give complete uniforms for 10 students including shoes and socks for 6 of these. These were handed out at our Back to School- Back to Church Bash held on Sunday, August 11th. The children introduced themselves to the congregation during the 10:45 service and then were treated to a fun time of games, popcorn, popsicles and blue juice! Prayer cards with the name of a child or youth were handed out to the congregation.

- ▶ Sunday, August 18th, Blessing of the Backpacks took place during the 10:45 service. We had 18 children attend Sunday school and bring backpacks to be blessed. Every child, youth and teacher who brought a backpack was also given a school supply gift along with a prayer blessing from Pastor R.L.
- ▶ Sunday, August 25th, we began the children's message again during the 10:45 service.
- ▶ Sunday September 22nd, there will be a family movie matinee in the theatre room. It will be 4:00- 6:30. The movie showing will be Babe. Babe is a delightful pig being raised by sheepdogs. Please join us for a fun movie while enjoying popcorn, candy, and a drink for a donation to the children's ministries.

Check out our FB page to see all our events. (St. Luke's UMC Shreveport Kids)

Thank you for all the wonderful support of the Children's Ministry.

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PUMPKIN PATCH NEWS

Pumpkin Patch time is fast approaching. Please mark your calendar with these dates as we are really going to need your help and you don't want to miss all the FUN!

Cash Register Training/Refresher Sept 15 @ 12:00pm
Patch Set-up Day Sat. September 28th @ 8:00am
Meal Prep for Unloading Meal Sept 28th @ 8:00am
Unloading Meal Sept 29th @ 11:45am
Pumpkins Arrive Sun. September 29th @ 1:00pm
Story Time Dates: OCT. 17-18, 22-24 @ 8am-11am
Painting Gourds w/Renee Oct 5th (Time TBA)
Cooking w/ Shelly Redmond "Skinny Louisiana" Oct 12th @ 11am to 1pm
St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch Blood Drive Oct 12th @ 10:30am to 1:30pm
Mom & ME Card Class w/Debbie October 19th @ 10am to 12pm
Craft Market Oct 19th (Time TBA)
Family Pumpkin Carving Contest Oct 26th (Time TBA)
Crafters 4 Missions w/Debbie OCT 26th @ 9am to 5pm



Watch for more FUN activities to be added and [please sign up to work in the Patch](#)

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Old Time Religion Sunday was a special day at St. Luke's! Thanks to members of the Chancel Choir for their work in preparing and presenting gospel selections that day! The choir will soon begin work on **"Have You Heard? A Celtic Christmas Celebration."** **If you would like to be a Christmas Singer for the cantata, please let Beth Duet know as soon as possible and she will give you the information needed to make that happen!**

The Bell Choir is rehearsing music for worship services in September, October, and Advent. Their time and hard work is greatly appreciated.

Favorite hymns of congregation members are being included every Sunday morning. Thanks to all of you for sharing hymns that are meaningful to you! These will continue to be included in worship in the weeks to come!

On a personal note, I feel blessed to work with the musicians at St. Luke's! Together we create beautiful music. Each of you is important to me and to your church family! Special thanks to Gregg Gregory for his recent work with the new sound system!

Gratefully,

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



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The month of August was full of "Back to School" activities including a "Back to School Escape Room" designed by Collin & Hannah! Everyone had a great time trying to figure out the clues which all had to do with information about the different schools they are attending. Look for another Escape Room experience in the near future.

Senior High Prayer Breakfast got off to a good start! Our first one for the new school year was held August 22nd and was well attended; even Pastor RL joined us. Prayer Breakfast is every Thursday (except when school is out) at 6:50 a.m.

The pumpkins arrive Sept 29 and all hands will be needed to unload so mark your calendar.

Young Adults continue to meet on Tuesdays at 5:45 pm and the 2nd Tuesday of the month is Taco Tuesday. We are planning to start Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths* this month.

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better & happier" .."Be the Living expression of God's kindness" ... -Mother Theresa

Be a blessing- plant seeds of kindness every where you go!!

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GED Ministry

We are considering starting a GED ministry here at St. Luke's. If you are interested in being a tutor in this program, please contact Gerrie Grant at hgv.ggrant@gmail.com or call her at 318-455-2834.



Gerrie Grant

Lay School Fall 2019 Opportunity

The Shreveport District Fall 2019 Lay Servant School is happening Friday, Oct. 4th from 5:30pm—9:00 pm and Saturday and Oct. 5th from 8:30am-5:00pm. It will be held at Broadmoor United Methodist Church. The cost is \$45

Please note: Applications must be received by noon Monday September 16, 2019.

We have applications in the office or if you email the Office Administrator at admin@stlukesumc.community, the application will be sent to you via email.

In order to take any advanced course, you must take the basic course first.

Courses being offered are:

Basic:	The Lay Servant Basic Course
Advanced:	Leading Public Prayer Called to Preach



Healthy Lifestyles

On September 8th at 2:00pm in the Genesis Classroom, please join us for healthy tips and support for healthy living!

Debbie Laffitte



Women's Ministry

On September 19th, we will meet at 12:00 pm (noon) at the church. Bring your lunch and drinks. Dessert will be provided by our hostess Lexine Adams.

Debbie Laffitte

Upper Third

Join us on September 12th, 2019 at 11:30am in the gym. Special guest is Noel Haacker, Exec. Dir. of Renesting Project, Inc. Thank you, *Donnie*

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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 will meet Sunday, September 15th at 3:00 p.m. in the church library. Over the summer, we've been reading Michelle Obama's memoir, *Becoming*. In addition to discussing the book, we'll be sharing information about selections from the Shreve Memorial Library's Book Club in a Bag series and other possibilities for our coming months. You need not have read our current selection to attend this first meeting of the fall. You'll enjoy a lively discussion and can help plan future readings.

Gerrie





SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAYS

SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 WORSHIP, 8:30 & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP, NOON - 2 PM
AA, 7 PM

SEPTEMBER 8 HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, 2 PM
CIRCLE SERVICE, 5:15 PM
SEPTEMBER 15 BOOK CLUB, 3:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 22 MOVIE MATINEE, 4-6:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 29 PUMPKIN PATCH SUNDAY
LUNCH/UNLOAD PMPKINS, 1PM

MONDAYS

SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AA, 7 & 8 PM

SEPTEMBER 2 OFFICE CLOSED-LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 16 TRUSTEES, 7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 23 SPRC, 6:30 PM

TUESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 CENTERING PRAYER, 4 PM
YOUNG ADULTS, 5:45 PM
(10TH IS TACO TUESDAY)

SEPTEMBER 3 WORSHIP COMM, 2:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 3, 17 STAFF MEETING, 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25 KOINONIA, 7 AM
HANDBELLS, 5:30 PM
CHANCEL CHOIR, 6:30 PM
AA, 7 PM

THURSDAYS

SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26 SR. HIGH PRAYER BKFST, 6:50 AM
AA, 6:30 & 7:30PM

SEPTEMBER 5, 19 CRAFTERS, 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 12 UPPER THIRD, 11:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 19 WOMEN'S MINISTRY, 12 NOON
COMMON GROUND, 5:15 PM

SEPTEMBER 26 CRAFTERS 4 MISSION, 5:30 PM
ST. LUKE'S MM, 6:30 PM

FRIDAYS

SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27 LOW KEY SERVICE, 6 PM
AA, 8 PM

SATURDAYS

SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 28 AA, 10 AM
ALANON, 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 21 SRSG, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM