

Crafters 4 Missions
May 24
At 5:30 pm

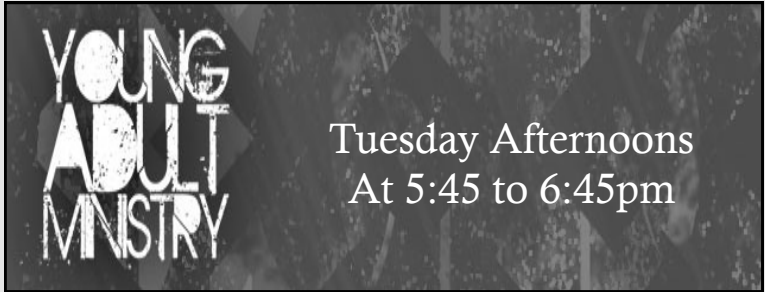
Crafters every Thursday at 10 am



Book Club
 St. Luke's Book Club will meet May 20th at 3:00 pm. We will be discussing books on the UMW reading list. All are welcome.

United Methodist Women
Meet for lunch on May 17 at noon.

If you have something to submit for the June newsletter or calendar, please have it in the office by May 22nd. Our monthly newsletter can be viewed on our website at stlukesumc.community. To have a newsletter mailed, please contact Hannah Rachal.



Upper Third
 Thurs, May 10 at 11:30am.
 Abigail McAlister from the LSU Ag Center will be speaking.
 Please bring a covered dish to share.

Please remember to wear your name tag. Contact the church office if you do not have one.

Koinonia
meets every Wednesday morning for a full breakfast and Bible Study at 7 a.m.



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Worship Hours
 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
 Traditional Service
 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School



When I came to St. Luke's over three years ago, I remember saying three things.
 1. I have no agenda.
 2. I will share with you what I see.
 3. I don't know what God's plan is for St Luke's

I asked that you pray with me for God to guide us and help me to listen. And so we began. I learned about you and you came to know me. As I shared some of what I saw and you shared with me some of the needs in the church we began to make some changes, upgrades and updates. With the incredible generosity of Zoe Ramsey, we were able to pay off our debt, invest some money for the future and complete several projects. I came to love the work and ministry of the Pumpkin Patch that has raised money to provide support for many non-profit groups who are doing great work.

We continued to share ministry and pray. Then they began to come. Without anyone anticipating it or seeking it out, people began to call and knock on our door. Twelve step groups looking for a place to call home. The Trustees graciously agreed to welcome them, to share what we have—a place to call home. And now we host seven groups—six AA groups and one Al Anon group. It shouldn't surprise us, recovery work is deep in the DNA of St. Luke's. Considering our history with Oakwood Home for Women and the incredible impact of people like C.D. Barnes, being a church that offers hope and healing, particularly to those struggling with addictions, seems as natural as rain.

Where is God taking us? What is our future and the future of the AMOR ministry? I honestly don't know. I am grateful that St. Luke's has taken the step in faith to underwrite the position that David Bingham holds as Lay Pastor for Recovery Ministry for two years. I am excited to have someone on staff who understands recovery ministry, has experience, and has mentors who are leading life-changing recovery ministry programs. David is working hard connecting with people across the Shreveport-Bossier community learning about the recovery resources, discovering collaborations, exploring the needs and raising funds for AMOR at St. Luke's in order to make AMOR self-sustaining.

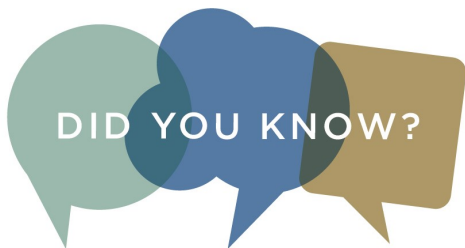
In order for the recovery community to connect, the Low-Key service of recovery, needs to be consistent and weekly. Funds have come in to allow for six weeks of uninterrupted Low-Key services and additional funds are committed. Beginning Friday, May 11th we will embark on six weeks of Low-Key at 6 pm every Friday night. In week 5, we will evaluate whether the funding will allow weekly services to continue or we need a re-set.

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Please help spread the word about Low-Key and especially be in prayer that God’s Spirit will guide us. If indeed, it is God’s desire for Low-Key to become a weekly service of recovery, I believe the way will open. The need is great. Together we will discover our part.

Blessings, Pastor Betsy



One of the great things about 12 step work through AA and Al-Anon is the protection of privacy. Participants use only their first names and there is a commitment to anonymity. One of the challenges of that same great policy is that in protecting the privacy of persons in recovery the people of St. Luke’s don’t get the benefit of hearing the stories, the testimonies and difference that this ministry is making. While you cannot see their faces or hear their voices, here are some of the things that have been said regarding what happens each week through AMOR (A Ministry of Recovery).

I am so grateful to St. Luke’s for providing us a place. This group is a lifeline for me.

I have attended meetings in several churches. We have never been so warmly welcomed and made to feel at home like we are at St. Luke’s. This work is hard and it means so much to be treated respectfully.

Thank you for your warm smiles and welcoming words. And ... I LOVE your Pumpkin Patch!

I haven’t had very good experiences with churches. Most of my life I have felt judged and excluded like I wasn’t really good enough. But something seems different at St. Luke’s. If I ever have enough courage to try to trust church again, I’m going to try St. Luke’s.

The acceptance, love and support have changed my life. No one interrupts, judges or gives unsolicited advice, which lets me find my way. It has made God’s love real for me. Thank you.

Every time I show up, I hear what I need for recovery. Al-Anon has given me hope.

Memorials

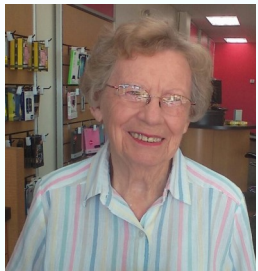
Mr. & Mrs. . Gus C. Marcotte in Memory of Austin Templeton
Stephen & Tonni McCollister in Memory of Austin Templeton
Bill & Diann Wilson in Memory of Austin Templeton
Larry & Louise Broadwell in Memory of Austin Templeton
Mary Darby in Memory of Austin Templeton
Larry & Nancy Marshman in Memory of Austin Templeton
Ed Chase & Kathy Taylor in Memory of Austin Templeton
Margaret McAdle in Memory of Austin Templeton
Donnie Brook in Memory of Austin Templeton
Dorothy Nichols in Memory of Austin Templeton
Dorothy Nichols in Memory of Sammy Thomas
Clyde Patterson in Memory of Austin Templeton
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Bobbie Andrews in Memory of Austin Templeton
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Jeff & Ann Danowski in Memory of Austin Templeton
Alice Sistrunk in Memory of Pat Hickman
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Hughes in Memory of Barbara Nowell

April New Members

In April we welcomed four new members into our church family!



Betty Gray



Lorna Morton



Bobby & Judy
Williamson



CHILDREN’S NEWS

The family movie night is Friday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m.! Freaky Friday movie, popcorn, and drinks are planned. Come join us for a fun night in the theatre room!

Be sure to check out the children’s Facebook page at St. Luke’s UMC Shreveport Kids. We would appreciate your sharing and liking our page!

Music Ministry Spotlight: Payton Fowler

Meet Payton! He sings in our tenor section, plays hand bells, and never fails to light up the room. Payton is 19 and just wrapped up his freshman year at Centenary College. At Centenary he is involved in Greek life, the Choir, and was recently elected to the be secretary for the Student Government Association. Payton’s favorite hymn is We Are The Church. Among his many other interests, Payton loves musicals. He’s a native of Alexandria, LA and will be spending this summer at home with his family. If you get a chance, thank Payton for all his hard work and let him know that we’ll miss him over the summer!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS



The school year is near the end! Grace, one of our students, reminded me yesterday that there are 17 days left! For some seventeen days will fly by and for others it will be like an eternity. Hopefully you will end well. When you walk the way Jesus has ordained you to walk the only thing you need do is be faithful and finish the race.

Galatians 6:4 All must test their own work, then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work will become a cause for pride.

Prayer before the exam: Jesus, be with me. I’ve studied long and hard. Thank you for the skills I’ve learned. Give me the confidence to use them. Jesus, help me through this challenge. I’ll do my best with you at my side. Thank you. Amen.

We continue to add new things to the youth room. We invite you to stop by and see.

United Methodist Annual Conference will be June 6-9. Volunteers are needed for concessions. Youth can use these hours as service hours for school.

Weekend of the Cross (WOC) is July 19th-22, early sign up is June 4th.