



Lectio Divina

Every Thursday at 8 a.m. in the Seeker classroom. Led by Rev. Rachel McConnell-Switzer.



Looking for something different?


November 17
6:00 p.m.
Low Key Worship



Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Crafters meet every Thursday morning at 10am

Crafters 4 Missions
Meet November 30 at 5:30pm



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Tuesday Afternoons
At 5:45 to 6:45pm

If you have something to submit for the December newsletter or calendar, please have it in the office by November 21st. Our monthly newsletter can be viewed on our website at stlukesumc.community. To have a newsletter mailed, please contact Hannah in the church office.

United Methodist Women
will meet Tuesday, Nov 16
at 12:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men
will meet Tuesday, Nov 21
at 6:30 p.m.

Koinonia meets every Wednesday morning at 7am for breakfast and Bible study.

Upper Third

Thursday, November 9 at 11:30am.
James Adams from the NWLA Veterans Home will be our guest speaker.
Please bring a covered dish to share.



November 12th & 26th at 2:00p.m.



St. Luke's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Love, not judgement, is found here.
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Worship Hours

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

Veterans Day is November 11. Let us give thanks to all who have given their lives to serve our country, and to those who continue to protect our country and our freedoms today.

Remember Samuel Francis Smith's poem

America

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song!
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee I sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God our King.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Denny Gamble, Sr.

Vickie & Brian Hall
Michael & Terri Madison
Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Dzurik
Directors, Officers, Employees of Citizens Nation Bank
Dr. & Mrs. Ryan Bicknell, Jr.
Red River Bank
C.S. Massey
Robert & Joanne Russell
Paul F. Johnston
Robert & Noel McCarter
Kirk Lavigne, Jr.
Joan Lukacs
Louisiana Nursing Home Association
LHNA Service Corp, Inc
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Knicely
The Dzurik Family
Barron Property Management, LLC
Donald Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Shaw
Mr. & Mrs. George McGovern III
Bailey & Lori Baynham
Denny Gamble, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Gamble

In Memory of Mary Gleason

Audrey Wibker
Carolyn Wilburn



ST. LUKE'S UMC
3rd ANNUAL
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
SATURDAY NOV. 4, 2017
10 AM TO 3 PM
Activities include: Artwork, Cards, Decor, Jewelry, Toys, Wreaths, Food Vendor on site, Capri the Clown's balloon art & Much, much MORE!!!

Book Club

St. Luke's Book Club will meet on Nov 19th at 3:00 pm. The book is **Hillbilly Elegy: a Memoir of a Family & Culture in Crisis**. Join the book club for an interesting Discussion. All are welcome.

Worship Committee meets on Tue, Nov 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Missions Committee meet Monday, Nov 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees will meet Monday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you November Rev. Betsy Eaves

October is the season of pumpkins! December is the season of light. November is the season of thanksgiving.

For what are you thankful? I can think of so many things.

I am thankful for the beauty of the earth, the mountains, rivers, streams and lakes, the sunrises, sunsets, sounds of birds singing and wind in the trees.

I am thankful for music, close harmonies, smooth vocals, the sound of a single flute, an acoustic guitar, a jazz band or symphony of hundreds of instruments.

Of course, I am thankful for the blessings of family, for people who nurtured and cared for me, taught me the stories of Jesus, encouraged me to be my best, to discover my gifts.

I am also thankful for our church that is more than a place to come on Sunday. It is a place to call home, a place where friends become family. I am thankful for people with whom to share this road of life and faith. This always comes home to me when we gather to celebrate the life of one of our church family. As we gather, sometimes people come from far away and sometimes people we haven't seen in a long time reconnect. We tell stories. We remember times that made us laugh or cry, experiences shared.

I watch the faces of families of the deceased as people come through the door. "You came! Thank you so much for being here!" they say. Each face reminds us that St. Luke's has been and is a community of committed followers of Jesus who are trying to live out the commandment to love God and neighbor as self. And sharing the road makes all the difference.

I am reminded of the lyrics to a song by Joe Jencks entitled "Come with Me".
Will you come with me, on this journey.. With every breath we take keep reaching for the dawn? I know alone that I will falter, but with a good friend near me I will carry on. There is a kindness in your smile and a gentleness within your speech. You reassure me, your love surrounds me and I know safety is at last within my reach. It's an illusion we carry with us as we wade on through the waters of our lives that we must be strong, and hold our own here. But a helping hand will save us by and by.

I am truly thankful for family, friends and faith. When they come entwined together it is an incredible blessing. So I ask you again, "For what are you thankful?" If the gift of this family of faith we call St. Luke's is among the blessings for which you are grateful, consider inviting someone to join us. Let's share the blessing!!

Much love and many blessings to you and yours this season,

Pastor Betsy

Children's Ministries

Christy Terrill

Thank you to all who attended a Safe Sanctuary meeting. We will have one more in case you were not able to attend. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 12th at 4:00. It only takes about an hour. We encourage any and all who would like to get to know our wonderful kids to attend this meeting!

COOL ADULTS, FUN GROWN-UPS and YUMMY SNACK MAKING CHURCH MEMBERS—we need you! Come join our creative Sunday School and Nursery classes as we cruise with the Deep Blue Kids learning the stories about Jesus! Please check out the sign-up sheet in the foyer and pick a Sunday to join us for Sunday school, Nursery help or Children's Church. At this time, we just want you to help out and be an extra pair of hands! If you are planning snacks, please make them peanut free and more than just total sugar! We love to snack as we learn in Children's Church.

Monday, November 27th will be the next Children's Council meeting at 6:00.

Santa is coming, and we need volunteers! Saturday, December 9th, 8-11:00 please join us for a great time as we enjoy pancakes, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and fun crafts. The cost is \$5.00 for breakfast and crafts and \$5.00 for a picture with Santa. All money will go towards our Children's Ministries.

Thank you for all your support of the children's ministries.

Youth Ministries

Momma T

Great way to end the month of October!

November is here and that means turkey and dressing! Let's spend the month of November with thoughts of gratitude and praise for the beauty that surrounds us.

Join us for Sunday School! We will be gobbling our way through scripture.

Music Ministries

Hannah Rachal

It's that time of year again! Our music ministries are going to be starting work on Christmas music soon! In preparation for this, I will be offering lessons on Sundays during Sunday School hours and the Mondays at 5:30. ALL are welcome! We will start at the most basic level; the information will be accessible for learners of all ages. I hope that you will consider joining me for these lessons and creating music with us this holiday season.

HOME ALONE?

Do you go home to an empty house or apartment most days? Sometimes we have chosen to live alone and other times, we are going home alone and struggling with the empty house. Join us for a casual conversation and time of sharing on **Thursday, November 30th at noon**. We are going to **bring a dish** to share, but **keep it simple** (feel free to bring Thanksgiving leftovers or a simple pick up dish). We will share our stories of adjusting to home alone, both in the everyday perspective and the challenges of being home alone during the holidays or winter months. **Everyone is welcome**, whether you have years of experience to share or the experience of living alone new and fresh.