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**LOVE GOD**

**LIVE HIS WORD**

**SHARE HIS GRACE**

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## WE SAVED A SEAT FOR YOU

See page 6 for our plans to  
resume in-person worship



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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have news you would like  
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Submit your items to be  
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## JOYS & CONCERNS

Please keep us updated on your loved ones.  
People will remain on this list for one month.  
Please let us know if they need to be on longer, 903-984-3576.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Anonymous prayer request for personal reasons  
Bill Brown.....friend to many  
Babby Carroll.....sister of April Watson  
Bella Crosby.....friend  
Linda Fontineau.....MDO teacher  
Cindy Frederick.....sister of April Watson  
Sharon Schoenemann.....sister of Jan Hattaway  
Isabel Shipman.....mother of Daniel Shipman  
Juanita Shughart.....mother of Misty Shipman  
Charles White.....brother of Joe White  
Edith Williams.....friend of many  
Kim Worl.....sister of Shelia Cross

## WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

Sabrina Bagley on the loss of her mother, Liz Y'Barbo.  
Angela Thompson on the loss of her father, Wayne Lemons.  
The family of Rose Johnson.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Please say a prayer for our church family on their special day.

**If we missed your date, please call the church office (903-984-3576).**

<b>June 1</b> Carlos Ortiz Jr Larry Rathbun	<b>June 16</b> Wendell Holcombe Ryan Reinert	<b>June 24</b> Haylie Davis James Vermillion
<b>June 7</b> Jack Evans	<b>June 17</b> Kristi Boone Tina Howell	<b>June 25</b> Lori Briers Gregg Caraway
<b>June 8</b> Ernie Sers	<b>June 18</b> Jackson Aguilar	<b>June 26</b> Brian Todak
<b>June 11</b> Donna Barnard Holden DeKoker	<b>June 19</b> Lauren Aguilar Lauren Faye	<b>June 27</b> Jill Hightower Drew Horst Marian Jackson
<b>June 12</b> Anne Hatfield Tyler Lyon	<b>June 20</b> Tonya DeKoker Jack Moore David Wilson	<b>June 28</b> Sue Jones Trent McDaniel
<b>June 14</b> Beverly Gray	<b>June 21</b> Bill Denham Paula Hooks	<b>June 29</b> Robert Poland

## PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Don & Cynthia Adams	Sue & George Jones
Sharry & Jack Christopher	Wilma Jones
Marian Clemens	Dean & Kathe Miller
Mikki Ellis	Stephanie Prine
Tommy Freeman	Richelle Rathbun
Linda & Chet Garner	Willie Roberts
Jacque & Todd Gibbs	Ralph Rudy
Gary Gray	Angela Thompson
Sam Holley	Glennys Travis
Ronnie Jobe	Wilbur & Kay Yates

## MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS

Our Members who are homebound  
Our first Responders & Essential Workers  
Those experiencing Unemployment

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date
Jack & Susan Moore	Jun 2, 2001
TJ & Amanda Gillen-Hall	Jun 3, 2006
Bob & Holly Davis	Jun 7, 2003
Milton & Lisa Frazier	Jun 8, 2002
Glenn & Heidi Tryon	Jun 10, 2000
J.J. & Amanda Eckert	Jun 14, 2003
Chuck & Vernie Kunkel	Jun 15, 1968
Michael & Lisa McClammy	Jun 16, 2012
John & Andrea McGilvray	Jun 16, 2012
Ben & Sabrina Bagley	Jun 21, 2008
Steven & Salena Jackson	Jun 23, 2006
David & Karen Wilson	Jun 24, 1978
Lee & Lori Briers	Jun 25, 1983
Ray & Denise Reinert	Jun 25, 1988
Carlos & Zaida Ortiz	Jun 26, 2007
Jack & Cindy Venable	Jun 26, 1993
Wilbur & Kay Yates	Jun 27, 1970
Bill & Carolina Bryant	Jun 28, 2003
Alan & Meggan Clark	Jun 28, 2003



# 3 ST. LUKE'S KIDS & YOUTH

## ST. LUKE'S MDO

We are currently monitoring and reviewing the information from the CDC and Governor Abbott regarding the recommendations for childcare facilities as we plan for the upcoming school year. We will have parent meetings later this summer as the school year draws closer to let you know what our procedures will look like this year. Please know that the health and safety of your children is our priority. Currently, our school year is set to begin on August 24th. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

*~Misty Shipman*



### STAYCONNECTED

Like and Follow our Facebook pages to stay up to date on all the great things happening in children's ministry and at Mother's Day Out.

#### St. Luke's MDO

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesmdo>

#### St. Luke's Kids

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeskilgorekids>

## PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hey preschoolers, June and July are all about what we can spy with our little eyes. Get ready for I Spy! It's a great theme that helps preschoolers see so they can believe in Jesus. We will have one key question and bottom line for June and July. We don't think we can say these too much. They are that good. Get ready to ask, "who can believe in Jesus" and respond with, "I can believe in Jesus," over and over again. Our hope is that each of your preschoolers will have the truth that they can believe in Jesus with them forever.

### Bottom Line:

I can believe in Jesus.

### Memory Verse:

""These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God."

**John 20:31, NLV**

# I SPY

## ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

# FOCUS

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

**"FAITH IS BEING SURE  
OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR.  
IT IS BEING SURE OF WHAT  
WE DO NOT SEE."  
HEBREWS 11:1, NIRV**

Elementary kids are going to learn to FOCUS: Take a Closer Look! God has always been involved in the world He created. We see His handiwork on display in creation. We see God's love on display through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond to God in faith, believing in what we can't see because of what we can see. When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand.



*Congratulations!*

The following scholarships have been awarded by the St. Luke's UMC scholarship committee:

Sydney Chowdhury - \$500.00

Cheyenne Jones - \$400.00

Scott Silvey - \$400.00

Sam Witt - \$500.00

Congratulations to these high school graduates!



There is still time to apply for a scholarship for the fall 2020 semester. Whether you just graduated from high school or you need to renew your scholarship, the deadline is July 1. Applications can be picked up from the church office or emailed to you by request. Please include all necessary documentation listed on the Scholarship Criteria form. If it is not all available to you before the deadline, please turn it in no later than August 1. Applications can be returned to the office or emailed to [cjmooney129@yahoo.com](mailto:cjmooney129@yahoo.com). If you should have any questions, contact Celia Mooney at 903-918-8299.



## SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY

### The You Effect

If we really stop and pay attention, it's easy to see how nearly everything and everyone around us has the potential to have an effect on us. And if that's true, then that means we have the potential to have an effect on the world around us, too. From family to classmates to neighbors, each one of us has an effect on somebody around us. In other words, we have influence, and what we do with that influence matters. In this series, we'll learn to pay attention to our "you effect," and learn to use our influence to improve and impact the lives of the people around us.

*~Misty Shipman*



## JR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY

In Jr. High Youth, we will be ending a study about influence at the first part of June. It is a great series that focuses on how even though we don't think we have influence, because of Jesus, we can do big things. Then, we will start a five-week series on Joseph called "Big Picture". In this series, we will be talking about how Joseph had a lot of crazy and unbelievable things happen to him. But we see that all along, God was working toward a bigger picture in his life, even when Joseph couldn't see it himself. Hope to see you at our Zoom meetings on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. If you do not know code for zoom meetings or are not getting Jr. High emails, please let me know and I can add you to the list.

*~Niki Chowdhury*



**"When the seventh month came,  
and the Israelites were in the towns,  
the people gathered together in Jerusalem."**

**Ezra 3:1**

The story of Ezra in the Old Testament is a story of the Israelites longing to be able to gather and worship together, but they couldn't. When we had to move away from in-person worship, we understood what the Israelites felt like as we longed to be able to worship together, but due to safety couldn't. The passage above falls in the middle of the book of Ezra. The people have been allowed the opportunity to worship together again, but they still have much work to do. The Israelites still had to build the temple, but in-person worship was at least a step in the right direction.

Our journey is mirroring the Israelites struggle in Ezra. We have longed to be together, we have waited patiently, we have encouraged safety and now the time has come that we are able to again meet together in person. This does not mean that everything will resume a normal schedule, but it is a step in the right direction.

I am excited to be able to worship together again and while we have more work to do, this is certainly a start to be excited about. If you have any questions, please let us know.

*Rev. Ben Bagley*

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Sr. Pastor

## NEW WORSHIP TIMES

**8:30am**

**Traditional Worship**

For those at high-risk

**9:30am**

**Arise Worship**

**10:30am**

**Traditional Worship**

**All worship services will be held in the Gym  
9:30am & 10:30am worship will be live streamed on Facebook  
All services will be broadcast on 94.7FM into our parking lot**

**See page 6 for more information.**

# Worship WITH US

**Beginning on June 7, we will meet again for worship.** There are several modifications to ensure that we are being sanitary and safe as not to cause any spread of Covid-19.

**We will resume worship in the gym space.**

This is being done to adequately ensure that we have the appropriate amount of spacing between each seat. Along with chairs we will have tables set up in the back for families with children.

**You will have to sit with your family.**

We understand the desire to sit with and be close to people that we have missed, but we are still requiring social distancing of at least 6 feet between people that are not immediately related to you.

**There are several ways for you to worship with us.**

We understand that while some are excited to come back, others are anxious about large crowds. We will have services at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30. The 8:30 and 10:30 service will both be Traditional services. We encourage our "at-risk" members to attend the 8:30 service when the building will be the cleanest. If you have an allergy to strong smells, we encourage you to attend the 8:30 service, as we will have to sanitize the space in between all the other services. The 9:30 service will be our Contemporary Service.

**Masks will be required for worship.**

Because singing is an integral part of worship, but also spreads the virus to a much larger degree, we will need masks on everyone over the age of ten to ensure we are as sanitary as possible.

**We will continue live-streaming the service on Facebook** and encourage those that are not comfortable attending to continue worship with us through this platform. If you do not have Facebook, we will still be broadcasting the services on 94.7FM into our parking lot. There will be close parking spots available for those that want to come and listen to the service.

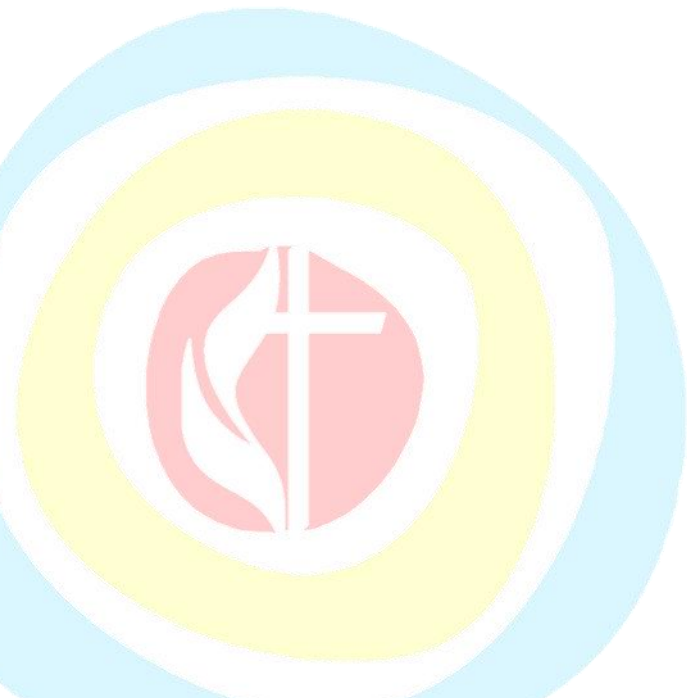
**We will not be screening for fever,** but we do encourage you to self-screen for any sign of sickness before coming to worship. We will have ushers and greeters who will help you get into the worship space and answer any questions that you might have.

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