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A Traditional **Christmas**

Every family is different and regardless of what your family was like growing up, we all have holiday traditions. Some of your traditions might stem from childhood or maybe they are new traditions that you started in recent years. Either way, the holiday traditions that we hold on to are important because they help us find peace and comfort in the busy holiday season and they help to remind us of the joy that we experience as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Join us for worship in December as we look at both family and church traditions that bring us joy and prepare the way for the coming of Christ.



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Financial News: October 2021

Needed to meet budget each week

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|---|--------------|
| Received 10/3 | \$8,227.39 |
| Received 10/10 | \$3,628.00 |
| Received 10/17 | \$4,234.38 |
| Received 10/24 | \$3,534.00 |
| Received 10/31 | \$8,772.70 |
| Needed to meet budget Through October 31 | \$356,000.00 |
| Total received for budget Through October 31 | \$309,657.39 |
| Difference | -\$46,342.61 |

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TITHES AND OFFERINGS?

Like llamas and alpacas, tithes and offerings are often grouped together, but they're definitely not the same thing. A tithe is a specific amount (10% of your income) that you give first, and an offering is anything extra that you give beyond that.

After you've tithed and paid all your bills and necessary expenses for the month, you can then use any extra money in your budget to give even more! This can include giving a cash offering to your church above and beyond your normal tithe, giving money to a charity you support, giving to a friend in need, or giving your time and skills by volunteering.

WHY TITHE?

The Bible tells us that tithing is a way to show that we trust God with our lives and our finances. But the tithe wasn't put in place for God's benefit—He already owns everything. He doesn't *need* our money. Instead, tithing is meant for our benefit because sacrificing a portion of our income helps us look outside our selfishness and makes us more aware of the needs of others.

In fact, one of the main purposes of tithing is to support the needs of pastors and the work of the local church. Tithes help pay the pastor's salary, keep the church's lights on, and meet the needs of the community.

Tithing is an act of faith that helps us keep our priorities straight. It reminds us that we don't own anything in this life. God is in control, and we're only managers of what He's given us.

Ever notice how unselfish people tend to make better spouses, friends, relatives, employees and employers? Yeah, they usually have better finances too! That's the beauty of tithing. We don't give to get, but God often blesses us with more if we're good managers of what we already have. Tithing recognizes that God is our provider and that we will prosper with more than just money if we rely on Him.

WAYS TO GIVE AT St. Luke's



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at
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DECEMBER CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Last Wednesday Night Activity December 1

3:15-5:30 (youth/children's choir)
5:15pm-6:00pm Dinner
6:00pm-7:00pm Studies/groups

Parents Night Out December 3

6:00pm-10:00pm

Children's Choir Christmas Musical & Cookie Decorating December 5

6:00pm

Breakfast with Santa December 11

8:30am-11:00am

Children's Choir Christmas Party December 8

3:15pm-5:15pm

Please see the calendar on page 13
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events and meetings.



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date on all the great things
happening in children's ministry and
at St. Luke's MDO

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Children's SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL

Merry Christmas! It's time to celebrate the birth of our Savior! We are using the alphabet this month as a fun way to introduce the true story about how God gave us Jesus, to our preschoolers. One day—sooner than we think—our now preschoolers are going to grow up and start asking some hard questions. How do I know God really loves me? Does God still love me? We want the answer to be right there and ready for them—I know God loves me because God gave us Jesus. Whenever doubt comes into our heart, whenever our mind begins to ask questions and seek proof, we need only remember back to that first Christmas when God sent His Son to us. Merry Christmas! May you be filled with joy this Christmas season as you remember that God loves the world so much, He gave us His Son, Jesus.

Bible Memory Verse: "GOD HAS GIVEN A SON TO US." **ISAIAH 9:6, NCV**

ELEMENTARY

Hey Friends! Our Elementary theme for December is Light Show - let the Christmas celebration begin. People celebrate big at Christmas because there's Someone big to celebrate: Jesus! The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

Bible Memory Verse: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." **John 3:16, NIV**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

& Cookie Decorating

Sunday, December 5 (6:00pm)

The Children's Choirs will be performing a concert of Christmas music, Sunday, December 5, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to join us for Christmas Cookie decorating following the performance.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 8 (3:15pm-5:15pm)

We can't wait to have some Christmas fun with our Children's Choir Kids. We will pick-up like normal that day. Pick-up time will be 5:15pm in the Gym and we will not have Wednesday Night Meal or Wednesday Night Studies & Groups.



It's Christmas, the most wonderful time of the year! This month in Chapel we will be discussing that Christmas is more than lights and presents and trees. Christmas is about God loving us so much that He chose to send His only Son, Jesus! We'll celebrate BIG this month because, God gave us Jesus.

Bible Memory Verse: "God has given a son to us." **Isaiah 9:6, NCV**

MDO will be closed for Christmas Break December 20-January 3.
Classes will resume on January 5.

In His Service,
~Misty Shipman

DECEMBER MDO EVENTS

Christmas Pictures
December 1

Breakfast with Santa
December 13

Christmas Parties
December 15

Christmas Break
December 20-January 3

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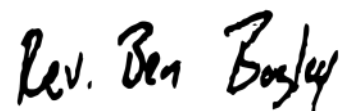
Our MDO Kids love spending time in Music with Mr. James!



I love Christmas decorations. The sparkling lights, Christmas Village, and pretty ornaments are not necessary for Christmas to take place, but they help get me in the mood for the Christmas Season. While I love the decorations, I tend to be a traditionalist in my decorating views, especially that Christmas decorations do not come out until after Thanksgiving. I feel that in getting the decorations out early, we rush past other holidays and do not enjoy the other festivities of the season. This view, however, has created many tense discussions in our house, since my wife loves the idea of having our Christmas decorations out the day after Halloween. While we go back and forth on the date that the decorations appear in our house, one thing remains the same, our curtains do not open until after Thanksgiving. Our decorations are okay to bring us joy in the house, but we will not show them to the world until seasonally appropriate.

I was surprised this year as I drove through my neighborhood and looked in a large front window to see none other than a large lit Christmas Tree. At first, I thought it might be an accident and that the window was opened prematurely, but the more I have driven through our neighborhood, the more it has become apparent that it was no accident and the joy of the Christmas season is meant for all to see, even if it is well before Thanksgiving. Normally this would give me pause, but this year, my reaction has been different. The reality that the single prematurely lit Christmas tree shows, is that we are all desperately seeking joy in our lives. Instead of judging the decorations, I simply smiled and realized that that little bit of joy not only brought a smile of hope to my face, but also to the many others that have driven by.

Christmas is ultimately about joy and hope. It is a season that reminds us that while everything may seem hard and like darkness is surrounding us, miracles have a way of showing up in the darkest moments. I don't know what brings you joy during the Christmas season, but I encourage you to find something and feel the joy that Christmas brings.



Rev. Ben Bagley
Sr. Pastor

We spent October working to create a vision for the future of Youth Ministry at St. Luke's UMC.
The following is the beginning results from our Town Hall & Stakeholders meetings.
Please be in prayer for our board, staff, parents, and youth as we continue to dig deep and dream big.

Start at the end

Clarify what we want

What we want for St. Luke's Youth Ministry

- Involvement of people of all ages (youth, parents, older volunteers)
- Opportunities for spiritual maturity and action
- Opportunities for experiences both fun and spiritual
- Mission Opportunities
- Habit Forming - Experiences that youth want to be a part of and create FOMO
- Involved in Students lives outside of church events
- Connect with other church groups
- Create a culture of parental support

Where are we now?

Evaluate what we have.

What we have right now

What are we doing well?

Wednesday Nights
Confirmation
Facilities/Resources
Trips-Missions/Camp/Rise
Curriculum covers a variety of topics
Fundraisers

Underutilized opportunities

5th Quarter Style Program
More Local Missions
Community Involvement
Events for unchurched
Fun Experiences

What needs work?

Parental Involvement
Continuity between Wed and Sun
excitement around the program
Design of Job Descriptions
Connection with other churches
Cost of programs
Churchwide commitment
Plan Ahead

Outside issues that effect our program

Busyness
Preconceived notions about other
programs
Other established programs
Lack of volunteers

Critical Goals

How can we get to where
we want to be?

**Be on the look out for our short-term & long-term goals
and plans for St. Luke's Youth Ministry**

Worship/Music Ministry Strategic planning took place in November.
The results of those meetings will be in the January issue of The Visitor.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Family Advent Celebration

November 28

6:00pm

Children's Choir Christmas Musical & Cookie Decorating

December 5

6:00pm

Breakfast with Santa

December 11

8:30am-11:00am

Christmas Bell Ring

December 11

12:00pm

Blue Christmas Service

December 12

6:00pm

Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

December 19

9:30am

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

December 19

9:30am

Las Posadas Celebration

December 19

6:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24

4:00pm - Family Friendly

6:00pm & 11:00pm - Traditional

Pajama Sunday

Combined Worship

December 26

10:30am

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events and meetings.**

Christmas involves so many great traditions
- glowing candles, gift giving, family celebrations.
In the midst of your preparations, take time to reflect
on the true meaning of the season.
Join us and light up your holiday with Christmas Joy!



FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 28

6:00pm - Family Center

Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to join us for an Advent Celebration. Our first Christmas Tradition of the Advent season will be making family Advent Wreaths that your family can use for years to come. The project will be simple enough for crafters of all ages and skill levels.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL & Cookie Decorating

Sunday, December 5

6:00pm - Sanctuary & Family Center

One of our most entertaining Christmas Traditions at St. Luke's is our annual Children's Christmas Program. Our students have worked hard over the last several months to prepare a program that is both fun and tells the Christmas story. Join us at the Children's program and then hang around to help us decorate Christmas cookies. While decorating we will talk about some of the cookie shapes and explore what they tell us about Christmas. We hope you join us for this annual tradition.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 11

8:30am-11:00am - Activity Center/Gym

Santa is coming to St. Luke's! Join us for a FREE pancake breakfast and a special visit from the big man himself. Mrs. Richelle and her Kitchen Elves will be working hard to prepare pancakes, bacon, and eggs. This is a community event, so make sure to invite a friend.

CHRISTMAS BELL RING

Saturday, December 11

12:00pm

In front of the Crim Theater

The St. Luke's Handbell Choir will be joining other local bell choirs in a special Christmas Performance. Make plans to stop by the Crim Theater, Saturday, December 11, for some Beautiful Christmas music.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 12

6:00pm - Knowles Chapel

Having a hard time finding your Christmas spirit this year? Christmas is supposed to be a special time, but oftentimes it can bring pain, sadness, and stress. Sometimes it can be hard to find hope in a season that should be full of hope and joy. If your season needs a lift, join us for the Blue Christmas Service, Sunday, December 12, at 6:00pm. This has been a season of grief for many in our community, let us help you find hope again.

LAS POSADAS CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 19

6:00pm

Children's Courtyard/Family Center Lawn

Join us for a FREE celebration and reenactment of the Census pilgrimage to Bethlehem by Mary & Joseph. The evening will include singing, dancing, music, and food to be enjoyed by all.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Friday, December 24

4:00pm - Family Friendly

6:00pm & 11:00pm - Traditional

After you light the tree and hang the stockings, join us to make your Christmas celebration complete. Our Christmas Eve services will include something for the whole family; inspirational music by candlelight, an interactive Christmas Story, and Christmas Communion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS CELEBRATION

& Ugly Sweater Contest

Sunday, December 19

9:30am - Family Center

Birthday celebrations are important traditions in our families. Join us for birthday cake, crafts, and goodies as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday.

We will not have children's or youth Sunday school on this day. The whole family is invited to the party!

Don't forget to wear your favorite Ugly Christmas Sweater to the party. We will have prizes for the most spectacular sweaters.



PAJAMA SUNDAY Combined Worship

10:30am - Sanctuary

The Sunday after Christmas can be a bit of a struggle. No worries, we got you. Don't worry about getting all dressed up, just don your favorite public appropriate PJ's to join us for worship. Kids, bring your favorite new toy or gift to be blessed during worship. We will have one worship service at 10:30am. Sunday School will not meet. Just a relaxing day worshipping the Savior!

**The following saints were
recognized during our
All Saints Sunday Celebration,
on November 7.**

Cynthia Adams
Don Adams
Larry Anderson
Charlotte Austin
Bill Boggs
Cheri Brazier
John Byrd
Baby Mallori Jean
Baby Miles Warren
Karen Cochran
Bill Denham
Damon Denning
Wayne Fortson
Carlos Galvan
Todd Gibbs
C.R. Gordon
Margorie Heath
Ronnie Jobe
Loa Johnson
Grace Lacaze
Sharon Nicholson Main
Mack Monday
Leon Morchat
Lucy Morchat
Ray Reinert
Willie Roberts
Jim Rucker
Sharon Schoenemann
Gail Shafer
Wanda Nicholson Sims
Mark Stevenson
Ray Watts
Velma Wiley
Bobbie Y'Barbo
Liz Y'Barbo
Charlene Zeller
Robert E. Zeller
Russ Zeller



CHRISMON'S FOR SALE

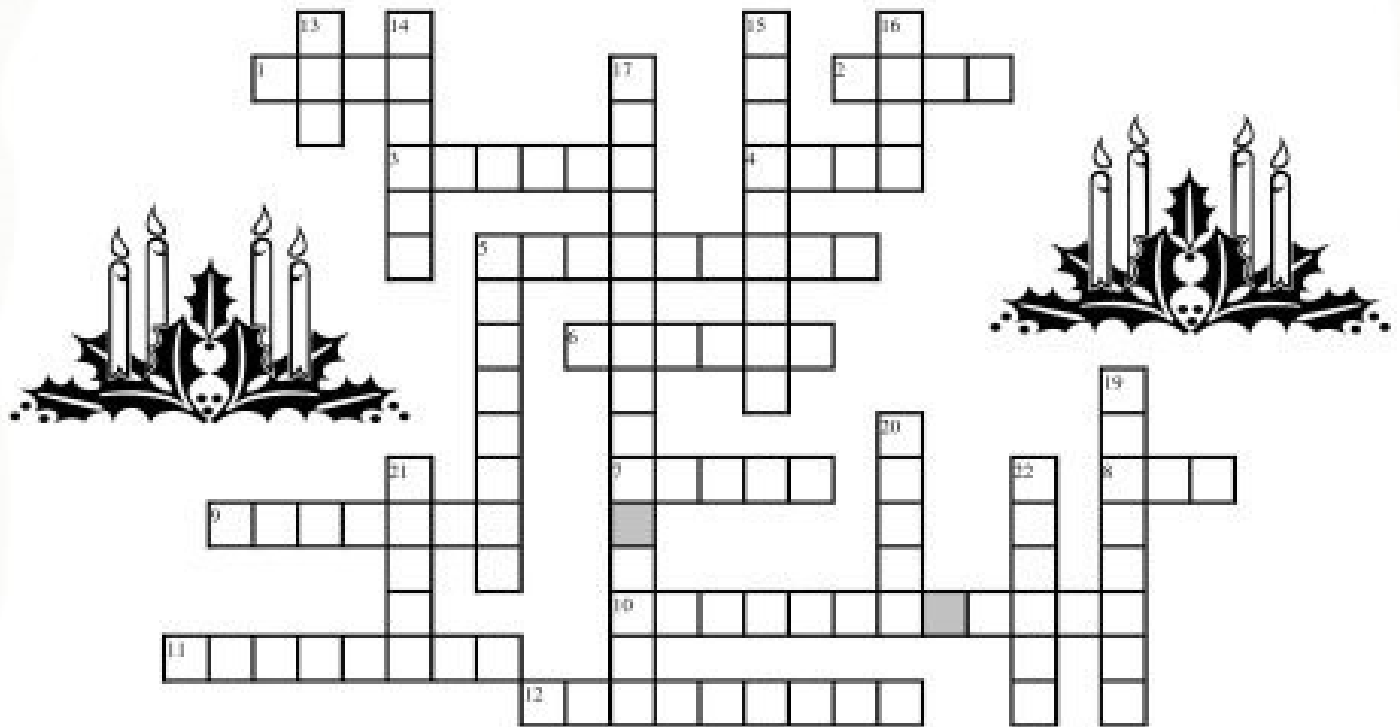
Instead of purchasing Christmas Poinsettias, we want to offer you the opportunity to honor and remember your loved ones by purchasing a Chrismon. The Chrismon's are ornaments that we place on our church Christmas tree that help tell the story of our faith. When you purchase a Chrismon, the person that you are honoring or remembering will have their name written on the back of the ornament. These ornaments will not just be displayed this year, but will continue to be used alongside our other Chrismon's for years to come. Each handmade ornament will cost \$10.

Orders can be placed in the church office or by contacting Jennifer Powell.

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office@stlukeskilgore.org

Advent Crossword Puzzle

Put each word in the correct boxes based on the clues.



Across

1. Advent is the ___ Sunday's prior to Christmas.
2. The liturgical color of the 3rd Sunday of Advent is ___.
3. ___ is the start of the liturgical year.
4. The symbol of the 1st Sunday of Advent is ___.
5. The ___ branches represent the unending love of God.
6. ___ is the liturgical color for the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of Advent.
7. Christ is the ___ of the world.
8. Each candle on the Advent wreath represents ___ week.
9. The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called ___ Sunday.
10. The circular shape of the Advent wreath represents ___.

11. The 3rd candle is called the ___'s Candle.
12. The day that Jesus was born is ___ day.

Down

13. The symbol of the 3rd Sunday of Advent is ___.
14. One candle is lit each Sunday on the Advent ___.
15. The 2nd candle is called the ___ Candle.
16. The symbol of the 4th Sunday of Advent is ___.
17. The first Sunday of Advent is the start of the new ___.
18. Another name for Jesus is ___.
19. The 1st candle is called the ___ Candle.
20. The 4th candle is called the ___'s Candle.
21. The symbol of the 2nd Sunday of Advent is ___.
22. Advent means that Jesus is "___".

11 WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, December 1

5:15pm - Family Center

This will be the last Wednesday Night Dinner of the year. Pastor Ben's Adult Bible Study will not meet, but all the other groups will.

Menu:

Tacos, Nachos, Drink & Dessert

ST. LUKE'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Tuesday, December 7 (6:00pm)

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00pm. This will be our Christmas meeting at Anna Rohde's home. Bring something to share for dinner and don't forget to bring your "unwanted" treasure.. All ladies are welcome to join.

Barbara Francisco
Secretary

MEDICARE INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, December 7

11:00am - Family Center

We will be hosting Evelee Haynes of Evelee Haynes Insurance with an informational session about your Medicare options. Get all of your questions answered at a safe, convenient in-person meeting. For more information contact Evelee Haynes at 903-387-7750.

HOLY HUDDLERS

We would like to invite and welcome everyone to eat and fellowship as the Holy Huddlers. We meet twice a month (not always the same week of the month due to holidays). Supper will be on you, but the fellowship will be shared by all.

December 10

6:00pm

Wendy's, Kilgore

If you have any questions, please call
Miki Ellis at 903-987-2506.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The following is an update from one of the many churches that have received one of our prayer nets.

Thanks again for the Prayer Net. Camp United Methodist Church is a small country church and we currently have about 12 people in our congregation. There is a cemetery located behind our church and we decided to place the Prayer Net at the entrance to the cemetery on October 4th. As of November 8th we have had 6 prayer requests and 3 unspoken prayers. Our goal was to reach at least 1 person requesting a prayer. A prayer is said to the prayer request as soon as the request is picked up and we follow it up with a prayer for them during our Sunday service. I believe this program has been a benefit to our local community as an outreach program. Absolutely, I think the Ministry should continue. In fact, our congregation has decided to request a 2nd Prayer Net from you. We would like to reach more people by placing it on the other side of our church leading into the cemetery. Additionally, we have had great success by putting the prayer Net on our Facebook page. Yes, I think it would be great to expand the Prayer Net community. One thing to improve the Prayer Net would be to use zip ties instead of staples to fasten the folders to the netting.



DECEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

Last Wednesday Night Activity December 1

3:15-5:30 (youth/children's choir)
5:15pm-6:00pm Dinner
6:00pm-7:00pm Studies/groups

Youth Christmas Party December 8

3:15pm-5:15pm

The Wonderland of Lights December 15

TBA
Cost \$10

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Follow us on Instagram and
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the great things happening with
St. Luke's Youth.

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SR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

We're kicking off one of our favorite seasons of the year, Christmas! Anticipation fills the air! And to celebrate, we're starting a series called It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas. This month, we'll dive into the promises that Jesus brought to the world that very first Christmas. Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love appear everywhere as we countdown to the birth of a Savior—a Savior who promises that even in this imperfect world we can experience and embody hope, peace, joy, and love; even here and now in the chaos of life. This Advent series reminds us that Christmas is just the start of better things.

~Misty Shipman

JR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Countdown to Christmas

This year, we're celebrating the holiday season with a new series called Countdown to Christmas. This series introduces middle schoolers to the season of Advent and the things that those watching and waiting for Jesus found when He came to Earth. While so many think the Christmas story ends with the birth of Jesus, we want students to see that in reality, that is just the beginning of the hope, peace, joy, and love He brought to the world. MEMORY VERSE "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6, NLT

~Niki Chowdhury

Parents, check out the series devotionals on the YouVersion Bible App and follow along with your students! Just search for Countdown to Christmas in the "Plans" section of Bible.com or in the YouVersion Bible App. Challenge your students to complete the plans with you, and share what you're learning through the devotionals.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 8 (3:15pm-5:15pm)

The church vans will be picking up the youth like usual on Wednesday, December 8, but pick-up will be 5:15pm.

THE WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS

December 15 (TBA)

Our youth are invited to join other youth groups in our district to go to the Wonderland of Lights in Marshall for ice skating, Santa, the Christmas train, and carousel. Cost \$10 + cost of food. We will meet in our church gym for drop off and pick up (time TBA). During this time, we will be having a raffle and Christmas food pantry donations contest between youth groups. So let's see if St Luke's can bring home the prize with the most donations!!

13 CALENDAR

RECURRING WEEKLY:

Sunday

8:30am

Arise Worship* (Sanctuary)

9:30am

Sunday School*

10:30am

Traditional Worship * (Sanctuary)

Monday

9:00am-2:00pm

Mother's Day Out

Tuesday

8:00am

Prayer Group (Knowles Chapel)

11:45am

Lunchtime Bible Study (Family Center)

Wednesday

9:00am-2:00pm

Mother's Day Out

10:00am-12:00pm

Coffee & Conversation (Family Center)

3:15pm-5:30pm

Children's Choir

5:15pm-6:00pm

Wednesday Night

Dinner (Family Center)

6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday Activities

6:00pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm

Prayer Group (Parlor)

Thursday

6:30pm

Arise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

* Nursery provided for this event.

** Nursery can be arranged for this event.
Call Niki Chowdhury, 903-984-3576.

A complete schedule of events including
scouts and private events can be found on
our website, stlukeskilgore.org.

ALSO SCHEDULED...

Wednesday, December 1

Last Wednesday Night Activities of the year

3:15pm-5:30pm

Children's Choir/Youth

5:15pm-6:00pm

Wednesday Night Dinner (Family Center)

6:00pm-7:00pm

Studies & Groups*

Friday, December 3

6:00pm-10:00pm

Parent's Night Out

Sunday, December 5

2nd Sunday of Advent

6:00pm

Children's Choirs Christmas Musical (Sanctuary)

Cookie Decorating (Family Center)

Monday, December 6

6:00pm

Pumpkin Patch Team Meeting

at the home of Tony & SyRena Witt

Tuesday, December 7

11:00am

Medicare Information Meeting (Family Center)

6:00pm

Methodist Women's Group (Family Center)**

Wednesday, December 8

3:15pm-5:15pm

Children's Choir Christmas Party

Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 10

6:00pm

Holy Huddlers at Wendy's, Kilgore

Saturday, December 11

8:30am-11:00am

Breakfast with Santa (Gym)

12:00pm

Handbell Choir performs in front of the Crim Theater

Sunday, December 12

3rd Sunday of Advent

6:00pm

Blue Christmas Service (Knowles Chapel)**

Sunday, December 19

4th Sunday of Advent

9:30am

Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration (Family Center)

Ugly Sweater Contest

6:00pm

Las Posadas Celebration

(Children's Courtyard/Family Center Lawn)

Monday, December 20

6:00pm

Board of Stewards Meeting (Parlor)**

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00pm

Family Friendly Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)

6:00pm

Traditional Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)*

11:00pm

Traditional Christmas Eve Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 26

10:30am

Combined Worship

Pajama Sunday

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 the list longer, 903-984-3576.

For a complete list of Joys & Concerns, military members, and members in care facilities, please contact the church office.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Pamela Brown | Donna Jackson |
| Hope Cantu | Wilma Jones |
| E.J. & Niki Chowdhury | Dwaine Kirksey |
| Bill Clarke | Angela Thompson |
| Tommy Freeman | Sam Thurston |
| Chet Garner & Linda Garner | April Watson |
| Milton Hattaway | Ann White |
| Sandra Holley | Wilbur & Kay Yates |
| Sam Holley | |

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Brenda Abraham..... | sister of Lori Briers |
| Mark Abraham..... | brother of Lori Briers |
| Vicki Benbow..... | sister of Karen L. Wilson |
| Babby Carroll..... | sister of April Watson |
| Valerie Conner..... | daughter of Gary & Beverly Gray |
| Beverly Crawford..... | friend of Milton & Jan Hattaway |
| Lisa Gillespie..... | daughter of Jack & Sharry Christopher |
| Lenette Isom..... | friend of Mike Kerr |
| Paula Saari..... | cousin of Sharon McCann |
| Janice Vopalka..... | mother of Lori Briers |
| Julie Warren..... | cousin of Rhett Rohde |
| Vicki Warlick..... | friend of Pat Morchat |
| Dennis Wheeler..... | father of Veronica Sprayberry |
| Kim Whorl..... | sister of Shelia Cross |
| Geri Wink..... | friend of many |

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO...

Toby Monday on the death of her husband, **Mack Monday**. Mack passed away, Saturday, October 23. Funeral services were held, Monday, October 25 and internment was Tuesday, October 26.

DECEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

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Germany

DECEMBER 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).

December 3
Murray Holland

December 5
Joshua Russ

December 6
Jean Gray

December 8
George Jones
Jack Sprayberry
Les Thurston

December 9
Carol Brady

December 11
Rayce Tuck

December 12
Wilma Jones
Kathe Miller
James Mooney

December 13
Riley Ridge

December 14
William Bagley
Caylee Clark
Peggy Clarke
RoseAnna Howell

December 15
Dean Miller

December 19
Marie Murray
Jo Stiles

December 20
Payton Berger

December 24
Bobbie Smith

December 25
Jamie Haynes

December 27
Kalynn Harrison

December 29
Lexi Copeland

December 30
Dan Brown

December 31
Chuck Kunkel

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

| Name | Date |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Clifton & Karen Lynch | Dec 18, 1999 |
| Jay & Tamara Dean | Dec 19, 1992 |
| Matt & Amanda Patton | Dec 22, 2012 |
| Daniel & Misty Shipman | Dec 23, 1995 |
| Joe & Barbara Johnson | Dec 24, 1958 |
| Wendell & Carolyn Holcombe | Dec 26, 1970 |

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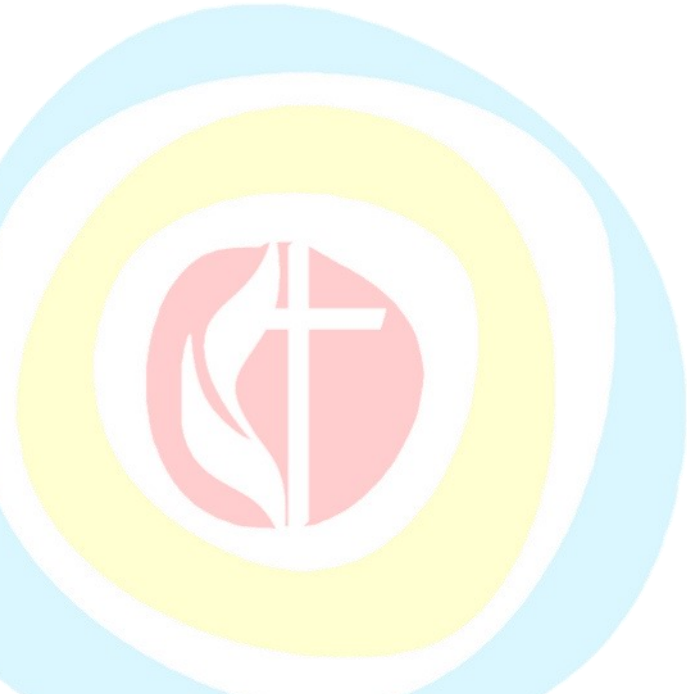
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