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Financial News: March 2022

Needed to meet budget each week	\$8,000
Received 4/3	\$4,347
Received 4/10	\$10,667
Received 4/17	\$6,795
Received 4/24	\$5,357
Needed to meet budget Through May 1	\$152,000
Total received for budget Through May 1	\$127,245
Difference	-\$24,755

WAYS TO GIVE AT St. Luke's

**BY MAIL**

St. Luke's UMC
401 E. Main St
Kilgore, TX 75662

**ONLINE**

at

stlukeskilgore.org

**APP**

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2022 BOARD MEMBERS**Board Chair**

Keith Hooks

Staff Parish Relations

Karen Wilson

Endowments

Celia Mooney

Lay Leader

SyRena Witt

Trustees

Garry Mount

Class of 2022

Carla Branson
Lydia Rathbun

Class of 2023

Michael Barnard
Sheryl Caraway
Tommy Farnham
Denise Reinert

Class of 2024

Gabrielle Fraschiseur
Milton Hattaway
Jim McCann
Susan Moore

These volunteers have agreed
to help lead the church.
If you have any questions
about what is happening
around St. Luke's please contact
one of them.

3 ST. LUKE'S KIDS & MDO

SUMMER SLAM: PRETEEN MISSION CAMP

3rd-5th grade

May 30-June 2, 2022

Adult-led, student work teams engage in a variety of community service and light construction projects in the Gregg County area. When not at work, students enjoy free time, recreation, and great worship. The final day is a fun day at Splash Kingdom in Canton, TX. St. Luke's is the mission living center where students stay during the 3-night mission. Fee includes all meals, snacks, a mission shirt, and admission to the water park. [Register NOW!](#)

PJ'S & PIZZA

Friday, June 10

6:00pm-10:00pm

The St. Luke's Kids Worship Arts program is hosting PJ's & Pizza Night on June 10. Kids Kindergarten-5th Grade are invited to join us for a night of fun. We will be creating our own pizzas and watching a movie in the Activity Center.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-24

5:30pm-8:00pm

Give kids a BRAND-NEW perspective this summer! Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Join us from June 20-24th! Light dinner served at 5:30pm and activities are from 6:00-8:00pm

- For students age 4 through 5th grade.
- Students grades 6 and up are encouraged to serve.
- Volunteer NEEDED! Sign up and register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stlukesumckids>



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Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all the great things happening in children's ministry and at St. Luke's MDO

St. Luke's Kids

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

St. Luke's MDO

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



Congratulations to our two newest members of the faith family. **Mailee Jo Exline** and **Gabriel Reinert** were baptized during worship on May 15.



ST. LUKE'S MDO

Another great school year has come to an end. Our final day was packed with fun. The Pre-K celebrated with a graduation ceremony and lunch with their families. Our younger classes had a blast testing out our new portable splash pads during their water day. Thank you to Ginny Anderson, Niki Chowdhury, Jennifer Powell, Scarlett Hartsell, and Richelle Rathbun for all of their help with the activities. There is no way I could have done everything needed to make the final day a success without them.

It's not too late to register for the 2022-2023 school year. If you would like more info about our wonderful program, please visit stlukeskilgore.org or contact me.

In His Service,
~Misty Shipman

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

May 30-June 2
Summer Slam Mission Camp
Register NOW!!

June 3
Parents Night Out
6:00pm-10:00pm

June 10
PJ's & Pizza
6:00pm-10:00pm

June 20-24
Vacation Bible School
5:30pm-8:00pm

Please see the calendar on page 13 for a complete list of this month's events and meetings.



5 ST. LUKE'S YOUTH

SR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

In this month's series, What I Really Want, students will discover how to use the freedom they already have in healthy ways that benefit themselves and those around them. Finding out that getting what they really want begins by realizing what true freedom is all about.

MEMORY VERSE: "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love." **Galatians 5:13, NLT**

~Misty Shipman

JR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

In our series, The Whole Point, we're diving in to the topic of freedom. This can be a tricky one for middle schoolers. They are right in the thick of balancing their own desires and choices with the reality that they don't have total autonomy yet. That's why it's important to help them understand that when it comes to faith, there's more freedom available than they might think. In fact, freedom is the whole point!

MEMORY VERSE "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love." **Galatians 5:13, NLT**

~Niki Chowdhury

Parents, check out the series devotionals on the YouVersion Bible App and follow along with your students! Just search for "Real Talk" 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.

CHURCH CAMP AT LAKEVIEW

July 4-8, 2022

Students completed 2nd grade - 12th grade

Lakeview Methodist Conference Center is a place where memories are made, friendships are begun, and faith is explored. Every summer, St. Luke's kids participate in this life changing camp experience which is full of bible study, worship, and fun. All counselors must complete a background check, conference safe sanctuary training, and camp counselor training. When registering, be sure and register for CAMP SESSION 4 with St. Luke's Kilgore. Scholarships are given on a first come, first serve basis through Lakeview! Register at iheartlakeview.com. All students going to church camp are invited to join us June 5th at 5:00pm to tie-dye shirts that we are going to wear to church camp.

Male counselors NEEDED for Lakeview summer camp! Don't miss out on this amazing time to get to have some fun and share in the word of God with our St. Luke's students. Camp dates are July 4-8. Contact Misty Shipman or Niki Chowdhury if interested.

YOUTH EVENTS

June 3

Zipline

10:00am

July 4-8

Church Camp

July 14-17

Big House Mission Trip

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STAYCONNECTED

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date on all the great things happening with St. Luke's Youth.

St. Luke's Youth

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

@sly_srhigh

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

These 8 students were confirmed and became members of St. Luke's on Sunday, May 15.



William Bagley



Bailey Ingram



Gabriel Mathis



Ethan Schexnayder



Brynleigh Seymour



Presley Thompson



Sadie Tuck



Harrison Weathers

TACKY PROM

Big thank you to everyone that came out for Tacky Prom.

Congratulations to Ethan Frachiseur and Sabrina Bagley for being named Prom King & Queen.



You're invited to join us for a

Heritage Sunday & GOODBYE BAGLEY'S

Sunday, June 12, 2022

10:00am

Combined Worship

11:00am

Church-Wide Lunch

Join us for a celebration of our history as we add Rev. Ben Bagley's name to the list of pastors that have faithfully served our congregation in its 150 year tradition. We will be honoring our 2022 St. Luke's Heritage Award Recipients and recognizing all that they have done to help St. Luke's continue to grow as a faith community.



HERITAGE *Awards*

Isaac Alexander Award

Given to a pillar in our church community whose generosity and commitment will stand the test of time.

awarded to

Kay McKinley

Lillyan and Kenneth Gibson Award

Given to a church member who demonstrates a continued dedication to the future of our church family.

awarded to

Celia Mooney

Travis Rosson Ministry in Missions Award

Given to a church member who demonstrates a commitment to missions in our community.

awarded to

Richard Greene

**FARVEL ARRIVEDERCI
AU REVIOR AHOJ LA REVEDERE
GOODBYE
HEIPPA ADIOS BLESS**



Left To Right: Will, Addie, Ben, Wyatt, Wes, & Sabrina

**There are many ways to say goodbye,
but not enough words to say how much
you will be missed.**

**Join us in saying goodbye to
Pastor Ben and his family as they
move to their next appointment
at Faith UMC in Spring, Texas.**

**Make sure to let them know how
much we love them.**

Meet our BOARD



Tommy Farnham

Tommy and his wife, Laura, have been members of St. Luke's for 20 years. After they married, they tried several different churches before settling into our congregation. Tommy would like to see St. Luke's grow as a beacon in the community and to have vibrant ministries for our youth. Make sure to take time to thank Tommy for his service to our church and the Board of Stewards.

ST. LUKE'S Spotlight

I want to take a minute to recognize and thank my Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew.

I could not get everyone fed without them. They always come in with a smile, laughter, and a love to serve in their hearts!

Thank you to all who help and have helped over the years.

~Richelle Rathbun

HERITAGE Highlights



We will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of our sanctuary with a special service on Sunday, November 20. Mark your calendar so you don't miss the party.

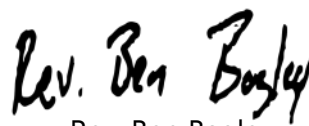
Our next big milestone will be in 2023. We will be recognizing 150 years of ministry in our community. We need your help to make the celebration complete.

Do you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can add to the wonderful legacy that is St. Luke's (a special memorial dedication, a refurbishment, a community event, a celebratory art piece). No idea is too small. Make sure to send your suggestions or ideas to office@stlukeskilgore.org

Today is a day that I knew was coming, but I am not entirely ready for. With certain events in life come inevitable moments. In thirty-five days a moving truck will be at the parsonage loading up my earthly possessions as I continue my journey to Spring. With moving comes several "last" moments. Today is the last newsletter article I will write for St. Luke's UMC and while I am excited for the future, it is most certainly bittersweet.

Over the last five years, St. Luke's UMC and Kilgore have been home. As my church family you have walked beside me and my family through many ups and downs. We have celebrated weddings, and births. I have added children to my family and we have baptized children and adults into the family of God. We have walked through grief and funerals together, both my families and those of our church family. We have seen many great ministries start and some fall behind. There have been amazing moments and moments of great tension. As I look back at each of the steps we have taken together I am immensely grateful for each and every one of you. I have learned a great deal about leadership and church, about success and failures, and about how to walk confidently into the future God calls us to.

This is my hope for this church as I complete this "last" newsletter article. That you continue on the great and amazing journey that God has called you to. I am grateful that for five years I was able to be a part of that journey, but know that as I move in a different direction, God will continue working through this church. In the passage out of 3 John that we used on Sunday, John says this "it gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it." John recognized that he would not always be with Gaius and the church he founded but the greatest joy he had was in hearing that they were continuing on the journey God called them to. This is the joy that sustains me through the bittersweet moments, even after I am long gone, I know you will continue to walk in the path that God has for you.



Rev. Ben Bagley
Sr. Pastor

Make plans to join us as we celebrate the Bagley's as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Heritage Sunday & Goodbye Bagley's
Sunday, June 12
Worship | 10:00am
Lunch | 11:00am

HOLY HUDDLERS

We would like to invite and welcome everyone to eat and fellowship with 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.

June 3

6:00pm

Jucy's Burger, Eastman

June 17

6:00pm

Benis Mexican Restaurant

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

METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, June 7 | 6:00pm

Our next meeting will be June 7. Debbie Nicholson, Kathy Brown and Tracey Varvel will be our hostesses for the evening. Anna Rohde will deliver the devotion. After the devotion We will be going on a tour of Rahab's Retreat. All ladies are welcome. Come & enjoy the fellowship & bring a friend. Our next meeting will be August 2nd. We will not meet in July.

Barbara Francisco
Secretary

POP-UP EVENTS

Sunday, June 5 | 5:00pm

Tie Dye

Join us for a tie dye party. Grab a white shirt, pillowcase, bandana, whatever you can find, and join us for an afternoon of creative fun.

Saturday, June 18 | 5:00pm

Ice Cream & Games

Join us for ice cream and board games. Richelle will have homemade ice cream for our sundaes and we will have yard games and board games for everyone to play.

Be on the look out for more Pop-up Events throughout the summer.

WOMAN TO WOMAN PLANNING

Wednesday, June 8 | 6:00pm

The Woman To Woman planning team is gearing up for a women's conference in September. If you would like to be a part of the planning team join us for our first meeting.

Let us
LEND A HAND

The St. Luke's Mission Team wants to lend you a hand. Do you have light bulbs that need to be replaced, but you can't reach them or you don't feel steady on a step ladder? Maybe it's time to change the water filter in your refrigerator, but it's not easy for you to get to. Have you been unable to rake your leaves or mow your lawn? The Mission Team is getting together a group of volunteers to call on when we have people in need of assistance with household projects. If you or someone you know is in need of a helping hand, please contact the church office so we can help out.

LOOK WHAT WE DID 12



Congratulations to all of our Worship Arts Kids.
The Art Show & Concert was a great night
and everyone did an amazing job.

			1 Summer Slam	2 Summer Slam	3 Youth: Zipline 10:00am Parents Night Out 6:00pm- 10:00pm Holy Huddlers at Jucy's Burg- er 6:00pm	4
5 Pentecost Sunday Pop-Up Event: Tie Dye 5:00pm	6	7 Methodist Women 6:00pm	8 Woman to Woman Planning Meeting 6:00pm	9	10 Pjs & Pizza 6:00pm	11 Saturday Bread 8:30am
12 Heritage Sunday Goodbye Bagley's Worship 10:00am Lunch 11:00am	13	14	15	16	17 Holy Huddlers at Benis 6:00pm	18 Pop-Up Event: Ice Cream & Games 5:00pm
19 Father's Day	20 VBS 5:30pm-8:00pm	21 Mission Team Meeting** 6:00pm VBS 5:30pm-8:00pm	22 VBS 5:30pm-8:00pm	23 VBS 5:30pm-8:00pm	24 VBS 5:30pm-8:00pm	25
26	27	28 Worship Team Meeting** 6:00pm	<div> <p>* Nursery provided for this event. ** Nursery can be arranged for this event. Call Niki Chowdhury, 903-984-3576</p> </div>			

RECURRING WEEKLY:

Sunday

8:30am | Arise Worship* (Sanctuary)
9:30am | Sunday School*
10:30am | Traditional Worship * (Sanctuary)

Tuesday

8:00am | Prayer Group (Knowles Chapel)

Thursday

6:30pm | Arise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

Cindy Frederick	Agnes Oliver
Tommy Freeman	Angela Thompson
Linda Garner	April Watson
Pat Haynes	Wilbur & Kay Yates
Sam Holley	
Dwaine & Elaine Kirksey	

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Vicki Benbow.....	sister of Karen L. Wilson
Cherry Black.....	sister of Glenda Cochran
Luke Briscoe.....	friend of SyRena Witt
Babby Carroll.....	sister of April Watson
Les Cross.....	brother of Dan Cross
Rick Fabrizio.....	cousin of Bill & Peggy Clarke
Jerry & Linda Fontineau.....	friends of many
Lisa Gillespie.....	daughter of Jack & Sharry Christopher
Gloria Kinney.....	granddaughter of Jack & Sharry Christopher
Marilyn Kitchens.....	friend
Colby Martins.....	niece of Bill & Peggy Clarke
Brianna McClung.....	Spring Hill Student
Richard & Sandra Melville.....	
.....	sister and brother-in-law of Milton Hattaway
Kate Mills.....	former MDO student
Nelda Morgan.....	St. Luke's Custodian
Joey Pipkin.....	nephew of Dan & Shelia Cross
JR & Laurie Tarply.....	friend
Keith Thompson.....	friend of Jim & Sharon McCann
Kai Tucker.....	KHS Student
Jan Watson.....	sister of Bill & Peggy Clarke
Tom Watson.....	nephew of Bill & Peggy Clarke

JUNE PRAYER FOCUS

St. Luke's Children's Ministry
Kilgore College
St. Paul's Episcopal
South Korea

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).

June 1
Larry Rathbun

June 8
Ernie Sers

June 10
Zack Harville

June 11
Donna Barnard
Holden DeKoker

June 12
Anne Hatfield
Tyler Lyon

June 14
Beverly Gray

June 15
Gary Gray
Sophie Nettles

June 16
Wendell Holcombe
Tucker LeBlanc
Ryan Reinert

June 17
Kristi Boone

June 18
Jackson Aguilar

June 19
Lauren Aguilar

June 20
Tonya DeKoker
Jack Moore
David Wilson

June 21
Millard Harkrider
Paula Hooks

June 24
James Vermillion

June 25
Lori Briers
Gregg Caraway
Ethan Frachiseur

June 26
Brian Todak

June 27
Jill Hightower

June 28
Trent McDaniel
Debbie Nicholson

June 29
Beth Harville

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

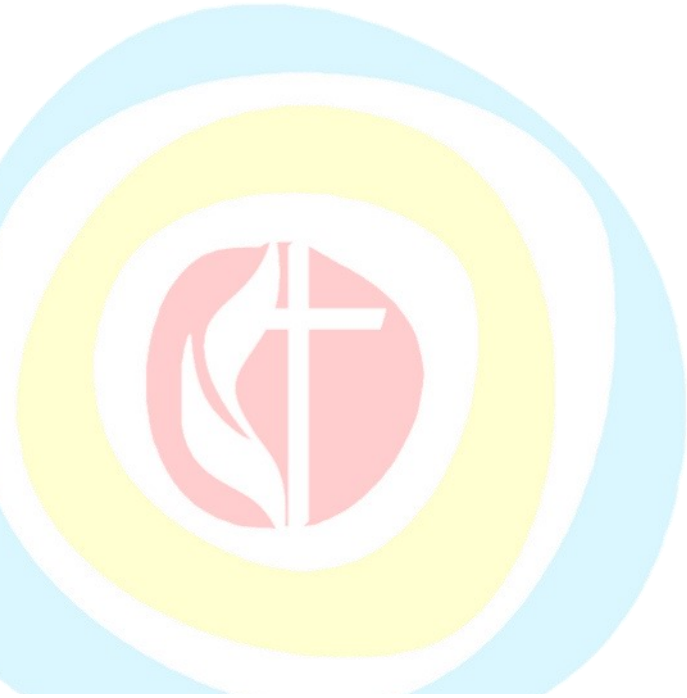
Name	Date
Jack & Susan Moore	Jun 2, 2001
TJ & Amanda Gillen-Hall	Jun 3, 2006
Chuck & Vernie Kunkel	Jun 15, 1968
Michael & Lisa McClammy	Jun 16, 2012
John & Andrea McGilvray	Jun 16, 2012
Jake & Sally Thompson	Jun 18, 2005
Ben & Sabrina Bagley	Jun 21, 2008
David & Karen Wilson	Jun 24, 1978
Lee & Lori Briers	Jun 25, 1983
Wilbur & Kay Yates	Jun 27, 1970
Bill & Carolina Bryant	Jun 28, 2003
Alan & Meggan Clark	Jun 28, 2003

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-24

5:30pm-8:00pm

Snack supper provided
Ages 4year-5th grade

Register at
stlukeksilgore.org

