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Being like Jesus in everyday life

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EVERYDAY | ALL DAY LONG

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Class of 2022

Carla Branson

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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.

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.

July 8

6:00pm

Wendy's, Kilgore

July 22

6:00pm

Jalapeno Tree, Kilgore

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

POP-UP EVENTS

Friday, July 8 | 8:30am

Coffee & Conversation

Join us for a time of coffee and conversation. We will have hot coffee and breakfast goodies to share, but we need you for the fellowship and fun.

Monday, July 11 | 6:00pm

Splash Pad

Everyone is invited to meet Misty Shipman at the Kilgore Splash pad for a time of fellowship. We will be handing out popsicles to help us beat the heat.

Friday, July 22 | 6:00pm

Movie Night in the Gym

If your looking for a cool place to hangout, join us for a movie night in the gym. We will watch the DreamWorks movie "Home." Bring a comfy chair and snacks to enjoy a free movie on the big screen.

3 ST. LUKE'S KIDS & MDO



Check out our
St. Luke's Kids
hard at work during
Summer Slam 2022



STAYCONNECTED

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>



PRESCHOOLER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last month, we began teaching preschoolers that they can make waves that can change the world! July brings even more stories to teach our preschoolers how they can make waves with the help of Jesus. This month we will learn about kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Yes, these can be tough to choose, but when Jesus is my friend forever, Jesus can help me do everything. That is what we want our preschoolers to know. And, when they do choose love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, our preschoolers will make waves that can change the world

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

We were created in God's image. God sent Jesus to show us the best way to be human. But God knew we'd need help. That's why God sent us the Holy Spirit. With the power of the Spirit, we can produce fruit that points others to Jesus. Every month, kids discover something about God's character and how they can reflect or respond to that character because they are created in God's image. You could call them character traits or virtues, but we call them Life Apps: something that God is doing in you to change the world around you. In other words, we show the world what God is like when we demonstrate these ideas. We're helping kids and preteens discover what the Apostle Paul called the Fruit of the Spirit throughout June and July. When we show the Fruit of the Spirit, we make waves and show others who Jesus is.

4-5TH GRADERS SWIM PARTY

Sunday, July 24 from 5:00-7:00pm.

Bring your favorite beach towel and a friend. Meet at the Chowdhury House, 7334 CR 296 E, Kilgore

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

July 3

Red, White, & Blue Sunday

10:00am Worship

11:00am Lunch

***No children's Sunday School or Children's Church**

July 11

Pop-Up Event: Splashpad

6:00pm

July 22

Pop-Up Event: Movie Night

6:00pm

July 24

4th & 5th Grade Swim Party

5:00pm

Please see the calendar on page 9 for a complete list of this month's events and meetings.

Thank You
SO MUCH

Huge thank you to everyone who made VBS extra special this year with your donations, prayers, and time! Each day at Monumental VBS, kids trekked through rotations that reinforced relevant Bible Points and immersed kids in new adventures.

News!!

There will be no Parent's Night Out in July due to all the busy summer activities.

ST. LUKE'S
MDO

Mother's Day Out is currently on summer break, but plans are still in full swing for the upcoming school year. Classes will resume on Monday, August 22. We still have openings in several of our classes. Contact me to learn how our fabulous program can serve your family.

In His Service,

~Misty Shipman

5 ST. LUKE'S YOUTH

SR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Without question, freedom is one of the best things about high school. Freedom to pick your classes, drive, and stay up later is just the beginning. But with every newfound freedom, one thing tends to stay true: We always want more! No matter how much freedom we have, or how much we want, there will always be the question of what to do with it when we get it. In our series, "What I Really Want", we'll explore how to use freedom in ways that benefit ourselves and others—which is what we really want, isn't it? We'll discover that we have more freedom than we may think. We'll be challenged to consider how to use freedom in a way that honors God, ourselves, and others.

~Misty Shipman

JR HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Middle schoolers find themselves living in an in-between. They long for more freedom, more maturity, and more people to see them as old enough to do just about anything. But in reality, they're still learning, growing, and developing in so many areas. This can leave them feeling like they'll never be old enough for big things. That's why in this month's series, we want to empower students with the truth they're not too young to own and grow their faith.

~Niki Chowdhury

BIG HOUSE

Jr & Sr High Mission Trip

July 14-17, at Coldspring, TX

Completed 5th – 12th grade, Cost \$135

BIG HOUSE is a mission trip to prepare youth to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, by providing an opportunity to be in mission to churches in need everywhere. Work projects include painting, landscaping, handrail repair, preparing meals, and stocking food pantries. The evenings are full of fun games and worship.

Register at: <https://linktr.ee/StLukesKilgoreStudents>

CHURCH CAMP AT LAKEVIEW

July 4-8, 2022

Please keep all our campers and counselors in your prayers that we have safe travels, grow closer in Christ, and have a great week at Lakeview Church Camp!

SWIM PARTY

July 31, 5:30pm-7:30pm

The home of Keith & Paula Hooks

Come beat the heat and join us for a swim party.
Don't forget a towel and sunscreen.

YOUTH EVENTS

July 3

Red, White, & Blue Sunday

10:00am Worship

11:00am Lunch

***No Children's Sunday School or Children's Church**

July 4-8

Church Camp

July 14-17

Big House Mission Trip

July 22

Pop-Up Event: Movie Night

6:00pm

July 31

Swim Party

5:30pm-7:30pm

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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

Meet our BOARD



Denise Reinert

Denise was married to her late husband Ray for 33 years. They have two sons, Robbie & Ryan, and three grandchildren, Emma, Gabriel, & Abby. Denise was welcomed to St. Luke's by Rev. Ferd Dawson and has been a member for 28 years. She feels at home at St. Luke's and wants to see us grow and continue to reach out to our community.

Make sure to thank Denise for her service on the Board of Stewards.

HERITAGE Highlights

When Rev. Bob Pool was appointed to the Kilgore Methodist Church in November 1931, he was coming to a congregation without a home. Earlier that summer the sanctuary had burned down at the hand of an arsonist, along with two other houses of worship.



Rev. Pool quickly got to work and began the long process of raising money and planning. A year later our historic sanctuary was welcoming parishioners for Thanksgiving worship.

For the past 90 years the rock structure has been iconic part of the Kilgore landscape. We continue to welcome the lost and weary with open arms and a friendly smile.

ST. LUKE'S Spotlight

I would like to give a shout out to some really fabulous volunteers at St. Luke's!

Every Sunday morning, we need people to make sure our services are streaming, the camera is aimed well, and the media on the sanctuary walls is moving with the service. We are blessed to have the Mason family volunteering in our 8:30 service, and Celia Mooney volunteering in our 10:30 service. We also have two pinch-hitters in Cathy Mount and Joel Vermillion. These volunteers come in a few minutes early to their service, and stay a couple of minutes after. Without them, we could not have a streaming ministry. They are a prime example of meeting the needs of the church ministries by being an integral part.

All of these people also volunteer in other areas of the church. The Masons have helped with children and youth activities. Joel is active in handbells and is currently helping with VBS tech. Celia is a volunteer in Sunday School, children's choirs, and has helped in the many other places in the church. Cathy is always seen on Serve Days and often helps with the kitchen in special events.

Many thanks and blessings to all of them as they make a big difference in the ministry of our church! May God multiply the impact of their ministry and bless each one of them.

-James Vermillion

Designated Giving Funds

The following funds were created to help facilitate directed giving and relieve our general budget.

Please consider giving directly to these funds in addition to your regular tithe or offering.

Backpack Ministry
Carillon Bells
Children's Art
Children's Choir
Children's Ministry
Community Assistance
Heritage
Methodist Women
Missions
Mother's Day Out
Organ
Outreach
Scholarship
Vacation Bible School
Wednesday Night Dinner
Youth Ministry

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE

Online giving has become an important tool in our giving resource bag. It gives people the opportunity to give quickly and conveniently to the general budget or designated funds.

We are excited to announce that we are moving to a new online giving platform. Beginning in July we will no longer be using Tithe.ly to collect online donations or payments. We will now be using ShareFaith Giving as our online giving platform. If you have a recurring gift set up through Tithe.ly you will need to visit our website, stlukeskilgore.org to set up a new giving profile. Just click on the "Give" button at the top of the page and follow the prompts.

ShareFaith Giving works directly with our website and our membership database software. This means that payments for things such as Summer Slam and Wednesday Night Meals will go through our website instead of taking you to a third party. This will cut down on the steps it takes to register kids for activities and create the ability for us to collect payments through our website.

Just like any other online payment system, there are fees attached. We ask that when you make a payment or a donation, you consider helping to cover the cost of the processing fees. At the bottom of the giving page, you can click the box to "add 3% to help cover the costs of processing."

This new platform also gives us the ability to "Text To Give." Just text "Give" to 903-833-3576 to be direct to online giving.

If you have any questions or need assistance setting-up recurring giving, please contact the church office.

-Scarlett Hartsell

WAYS TO GIVE AT St. Luke's



IN PERSON

Drop your gift in one of the offering boxes at worship or in the offering plate



ONLINE

at
stlukeskilgore.org



TEXT

"give" to
903-833-3576



BY MAIL

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

Summer GIVING

We know that summer is a busy time, and getting to worship on Sunday might be a struggle. Before you head out of town on your next getaway, make plans to schedule your giving to the church.

With the heat causing high energy bills and Sunday attendance down, summer is a tough time for us financially. Your regular giving helps us to keep things cool and keep all our activities going.

Financial News: May 2022

Needed to meet budget each week	\$8,000
Received 5/1	\$4,753
Received 5/8	\$6,755
Received 5/15	\$7,942
Received 5/22	\$3,978
Received 5/29	\$6,923
Needed to meet budget Through June 1	\$184,000
Total received for budget Through June 1	\$157,596
Difference	-\$26,404

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3 Red, White, & Blue 10:00am worship 11:00am Lunch Communion with Shut-ins 2:00pm	4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8 Pop-Up Event: Coffee & Conversation 8:30am	9
10	11 Pop-Up Event: Splash Pad 6:00pm	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Board of Stewards 6:00pm**	19	20	21	22 Pop-Up Event: Movie Night 6:00pm	23
24 4th-5th Grade Swim Party 5:00pm	25	26 Worship Team 6:00pm**	27	28	29	30
31 Youth Swim Party 5:30pm- 7:30pm	<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

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Cherry Black.....	sister of Glenda Cochran
Luke Briscoe.....	friend of SyRena Witt
Babby Carroll.....	sister of April Watson
Les Cross.....	brother of Dan Cross
Jerry & Linda Fontineau.....	friends of many
Lisa Gillespie.....	daughter of Jack & Sharry Christopher
Gloria Kinney.....	granddaughter of Jack & Sharry Christopher
Marilyn Kitchens.....	friend
Kelly Jackson.....	daughter of Debra Maloch
Sam, Sandi, Kelsey, & Jenna Lewis.....	friends of many
Colby Martins.....	niece of Bill & Peggy Clarke
Donna Maxey.....	friend of Debra Maloch
Brianna McClung.....	Spring Hill Student
Richard & Sandra Melville.....	
.....	sister and brother-in-law of Milton Hattaway
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

WE SHARE OUR SYMPATHY WITH...

The family of **Sandra Holley**. Sandra passed away on June 17.

JULY PRAYER FOCUS

Our Pastor
Kilgore Primary School
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
America

JULY 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).

July 1 Lynn Cross Mark Varvel	July 16 Janel Brown
July 2 Kraig DeKoker	July 18 Emallyn Galvan
July 3 Sherry Ellis	July 20 Pat Morchat David Morgan
July 5 Mickea Smith	July 21 Bill Clarke
July 7 Glenda Cochran Vernie Kunkel	July 22 Joe Johnson Dalton Mason
July 10 Tommy Farnham Colby Thompson	July 23 Sharry Christopher
July 11 Noah McClammy	July 24 Karen Wilson
July 12 Mike Kerr	July 28 Cruz Castaneda
July 13 Sara Lugeanbeal	July 29 Sheryl Caraway
July 14 Carla Branson Gene Harville	July 30 Colette Jones

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date
Leon & Ludie Courtney	Jul 4, 1964
Larry & Richelle Rathbun	Jul 16, 1983
Bob & Cindy Lindley	Jul 17, 1981
Dwaine & Elaine Kirksey	Jul 22, 1966

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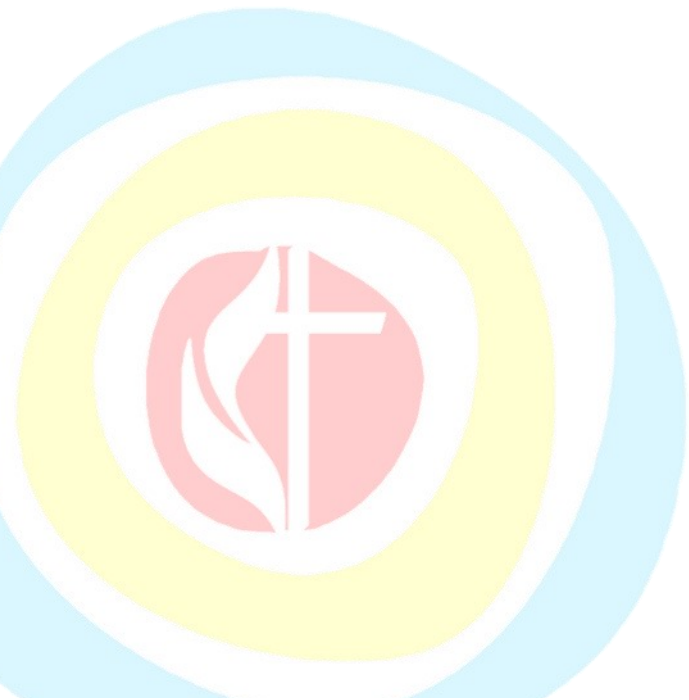
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RED, WHITE, & BLUE CELEBRATION

Join us for an Independence Day
celebration and welcome our new pastor,
Rev. Dr. Allison Andrews.

Sunday, July 3
10:00am Worship
11:00am Lunch