



2022 MINISTRY BOOKLET

Saint Luke's Baton Rouge is committed to caring for one another, spiritual growth, and bringing others closer to God through Jesus Christ.

We invite you to view our Ministry Booklet and consider areas within our church you may feel called to serve.



FORMATION: YOUTH & ADULTS

YOUTH

Children's Chapel: For children ages 4 to 9 years old during the 8:45 Sunday service. Children follow the leader with a banner down the aisle and return to the church in time for Holy Communion. Volunteers lead an informal, prepared lesson for around 10 kids once every 6-8 weeks. Contact Ashley Danos at (225) 235-1716 or ashley417@icloud.com.

Nursery: A warm, loving, and caring place for our youngest members. Children ages 0-4 are welcome. The nursery is open Sundays 8:30 – 12:15. Contact Jennifer Hawkins at jdarkff@yahoo.com

EYC (Episcopal Youth Church) fellowship for Junior High and Senior High: 6th- 8th and 9th- 12th graders gather monthly with other churches in the Baton Rouge area for Christian education, worship, and fellowship. Contact Ashley Danos at (225) 235-1716 or ashley417@icloud.com.

Youth Sunday School: An educational opportunity on Sunday mornings between services for kids of all ages from our Play & Pray group (2 & 3 year old) through high school. Classes are age appropriate and designed to strengthen the spiritual lives of our younger parishioners. All volunteers "team teach" meaning you are paired with another volunteer, and you present a prepared lesson every other week during the fall and spring semesters (usually 4 weeks per semester total). Contact Ashley Danos at (225) 235-1716 or ashley417@icloud.com.

Youth Confirmation Classes: Preparation for confirmation, the rite at which a baptized person affirms their Christian belief and is admitted as a full member of the Church, for teenagers in 9th – 12th grades. These classes are held each spring and include a weekend retreat for the confirmands just prior to confirmation with the bishop. Contact Margie Gaudet at (225) 733-3334 or margiegaudet@gmail.com

VBS: An annual summer program that needs LOTS of volunteers. Vacation Bible School is for children from pre-K through 5th grade that offers a creative opportunity to learn Bible stories, enjoy crafts and games, and to have fun in a loving environment. Contact Ashley Danos at (225) 235-1716 or ashley417@icloud.com.

ADULTS

Adult Formation/Sunday School: Classes on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in Pope Hall. Topics vary and are chosen and led by the Education Committee and clergy. Contact Margie Gaudet at (225) 733-3334 or margiegaudet@gmail.com

Inquirers' Class: This class is led by clergy on Sunday afternoons in the spring and provides information about the Episcopal Church to prepare adults for confirmation, reception into the church, or reaffirmation rooted in the Baptismal Covenant. Contact Fr. Bryan at (225) 926-5343 or frbryanowen@stlukesbr.org.

EfM (Education for Ministry): EfM is a theological educational program which supports our faith and teaches us to express that faith in day-to-day events. Every baptized person is called to ministry. EfM participants meet weekly over a 3 year period to study the entire sweep of Christian tradition, learn to think theologically, and develop skills to be effective ministers in the world. Contact Janet Holladay at (225) 278-4664 or jdkh@cox.net.

Bible Studies:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: For men & women interested in studying scripture and building relationships with other parishioners. This group meets in the church library at 10:00 each Tuesday morning for an hour. Contact Gloria McKenzie at (225) 772-7987 or jgmck72@gmail.com.

Sunday Bible Study: This group meets on Sunday mornings in the Witter Conference Room between services. We enjoy warm fellowship and discussing the current study. Our goal is to strengthen our relationships with Christ by learning from scripture, scholars, and each other.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Acolytes: Open to young people from 5th grade through college who serve as crucifers, torchbearers, and thurifers, helping to deepen their faith through service during worship. Acolytes usually serve once a month. Contact Margie Gaudet at (225) 733-3334 or margiegaudet@gmail.com

Acolyte Vestments: Volunteers who assist acolytes in vesting and maintaining vestments. Contact Margie Gaudet at (225) 733-3334 or margiegaudet@gmail.com

Altar Guild: Ladies who care for the altar, for clergy vestments, vessels and altar linens. The guild prepares the altar for all Eucharistic services. There are teams who serve weekly (2 on and 4 off). Contact Donna Berry at (225) 291-0020 or basketdonna@cox.net.

Choir: Music at St. Luke's is a major part of our worship experience at both the 8:45 more contemporary service and the 11:00 traditional one, incorporating a range of music styles and instruments. Our service maintains a more traditional approach with Episcopal hymns and anthems. Practices are on Wednesdays for the 11:00 choir and Sunday morning at 8:00 for the 8:45 group. Contact Terry Bowman at (225) 235-1148 or terry.bowman@live.com

Lectors: Trained volunteers who read lessons and Psalms during Eucharistic services, usually once per month. Contact Jim Thompson at (225) 229-1337 or jthompsonlsu@gmail.com.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM): Volunteers who are licensed by the Diocese and approved by the Rector and aid the clergy at the altar and administer consecrated elements at the Eucharist. Contact Jim Thompson at (225) 229-1337 or jthompsonlsu@gmail.com.

Master of Ceremonies: Parishioners who coordinate and direct services, usually once or twice a month, as determined by the Rector. These volunteers must have a strong commitment to the Liturgy, able to think quickly "on your feet", be able to communicate with clergy, and supervise acolytes. Contact Jim Thompson at (225) 229-1337 or jthompsonlsu@gmail.com.

Ushers: Men and women who greet and assist worshipers as they enter the church. They also hand out bulletins, help seat parishioners, present the elements of the offering, facilitate the collection, and clean pews after each service. Ushers are divided into teams and serve monthly on a designated rotation. Contact Bill MacNaughton at (225) 936-0707 or labill@cox.net.

Live Stream Team: This team is responsible for producing the weekly live stream video of our Sunday morning worship service that is shared on the web and social media accounts for those who cannot make it to in-person worship. The team sits in the balcony for the service and runs three cameras, the switcher, and audio board. Teams of two will be trained and can expect to serve monthly. Contact Pamela Matassa at (225) 270-6871 or pamela@stlukesbr.org.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Outreach Committee: Outreach activities at St. Luke's include various annual events such as providing Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas presents to the less fortunate, as well as specifically coordinated efforts with Southeast Ministries and other local organizations in the spring and fall. Contact Barbee Pipes at barbee.pipes@iberiabank.com

St. Luke's School: The largest ministry of St. Luke's Church. It provides an academically excellent, Christian-based education to children from pre-K through eighth grade. Contact Barbara Simmons at (225) 926-8601 or bsimmons@stlukesbrschool.com.

EVANGELISM

Daughters of the King: An order of laywomen who are communicants of the Episcopal Church undertaking a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. A Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. Quarterly meetings are combined with a social lunch. Contact Gloria McKenzie at (225) 772-7987 or jgmck72@gmail.com.

PARISH LIFE & HOSPITALITY

Young Adult/Family Ministry: The focus of this ministry is to be a group that supports each other, as well as our church and community. We offer small groups/studies, fun nights out for adults only, and other events and community service opportunities for families. Contact Ashley Danos at (225) 235-1716 or ashley417@icloud.com.

ATP (Aged to Perfection): A group of parishioners in the AARP age range who enjoy social gatherings such as meals and day trips. Contact Gloria McKenzie at (225) 772-7987 or jgmck72@gmail.com.

Stewardship: This committee raises money for the church's operating budget through pledge requests. They contact parishioners in a spiritually driven, but enthusiastic way requesting pledges in writing and verbally, with a time commitment of about an hour monthly from July – December. Contact Denise Carvalho at (225) 349-8436 or dancewithme53@att.net.

Hospitality Guild: Parishioners who plan and host social events and fellowship opportunities. Volunteers prepare food and assist with decorations while welcoming parishioners and newcomers. Activities include Holy Grounds Coffee between services on Sunday mornings, pot-luck brunches, pancake breakfasts, and holiday/special gatherings. Volunteers are needed for prep, cooking, and/or clean up. Contact Vee Morrow at (225) 252-5462 or kvmorrow@icloud.com.

Greeters: This ministry serves monthly at your preferred service to greet newcomers and welcome them into the fellowship of St. Luke's. Greeters make sure the visitor's table is current each Sunday morning, and stay attentive to any visitor needs before, during, and after the service. Contact Mike Gaudet at (225) 229-5584 or mikejgaudet@gmail.com.

St. Martha's Helping Hands: This group prepares casseroles or other one-dish meals, freezes them, and stores them in the church freezer to take to parish families after a child's birth, after a death, or in other times of need. They also serve as hosts/hostesses at funerals held at St. Luke's. Anyone can be a Martha – double your recipe and bring it to the St. Luke's freezer to be a blessing to a family in a time of need. Contact Brookie Allphin-Smith at (225) 936-8853 or brookie.allphin@att.net.

Invite Welcome Connect: This ministry implements intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and connectedness throughout our parish to invite visitors, welcome them to St. Luke's, and connect them to other parishioners and church ministries. Contact Mike Gaudet at (225) 229-5584 or mikejgaudet@gmail.com.

Threshold Visits: This group brings a baked good and some information about St. Luke's to visitors that attended a service. It's called a threshold visit because it's exactly that – a hello from the doormat, nothing more. Contact Jean Blanche at (225) 266-9491 or jeanblanche811@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE

Flower Guild: Members of this group take altar flowers from the previous Sunday to parishioners in the hospital, in long-term care, or home bound. Volunteers are needed once every 4 or 5 weeks to visit for a bit. Contact Loree Fields at (225) 229-2972 or loreefields@att.net.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: This is a group of trained laity who take Sacraments of the Body and Blood to parishioners who cannot attend the Sunday service because they are in the hospital or confined to their homes. Visits usually take an hour, and volunteers schedule themselves as available. Contact Becky Williams at (225) 926-5343 or bwilliams@stlukesbr.org.

Shawl Ministry: This group meets monthly to knit, crochet, and quilt shawls to be blessed by our clergy for delivery to the sick or to those struggling with difficult situations. These shawls are available to anyone who needs to be wrapped in prayer. Contact Becky Williams at (225) 926-5343 or bwilliams@stlukesbr.org.

Health Ministries: For all health ministries or opportunities, contact Becky Williams at (225) 926-5343 or bwilliams@stlukesbr.org.

Caregiver Ministry: This group meets monthly and is open to anyone who is a caregiver and needs an outlet to share the joys – and not-so-joys – of being a caregiver, to give and received support and ideas from others, as well as get some care for yourself. Contact Becky Williams at (225) 926-5343 or bwilliams@stlukesbr.org

OTHER MINISTRIES/OFFERINGS

St. Francis Pet Cemetery: The memorial garden is a resting place for the ashes of the pets that live on in our hearts and memories. Guidelines and pet loss resources can be found on our website. Should you like to visit our garden or know more about the garden as a resting place for your pet, please call or text Mary Tharp at 225-241-8417.

Embracing the Journey: End-of-Life Resource Fair: Designed for seniors and their children or other potential caregivers, this fair at St. Luke's promises an in-depth discovery of the many decisions to be made for end-of-life care. Contact Becky Williams at (225) 926-5343 or bwilliams@stlukesbr.org.

ECW Garage Sale – The annual garage sale is on the Saturday after Mardi Gras. Funds raised benefit the church and its ministries, as well as outside charity organizations. Help is always needed the week of the sale as well as the day of. Contact Sharon Edmon at sedmon@aol.com or 225-603-0010.

Trunk or Treat – This fun event is usually the Sunday before Halloween. Volunteers are needed to host a Halloween trunk and hand out candy, or work one of the games offered. It's an afternoon full of fun and fellowship. Contact Ashley Danos at 225-235-1716 or ashley417@icloud.com.

Chapel Columbarium – St. Luke’s houses a columbarium, an area for the in-urnment of the ashes of the deceased, within its chapel. It’s an appropriate and dignified place in a consecrated Chapel and is in accord with the tenets of the Episcopal Church. Full details and qualifications may be found on our website.



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