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St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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## UPCOMING events

### MAY & JUNE 2010

**Mon., May 10 @ 7:15 pm**

Finance Committee Meeting

**Sat., May 15, 9 am–noon**

Trustees Work Day

**Sun., May 16 @ noon**

Exploring St. Luke's

**Sun., May 16, 2–9 pm**

Mural Painting Excursion

**Mon., May 17 @ 7:15 pm**

Church Council Meeting

**Sun., May 23 @ noon**

Potluck & Town Hall Meeting

**Mon., May 31**

Memorial Day Flags

**Wed., June 9 @ 11 am**

Summer Fun in B-CS

**Mon., June 14**

Flag Day Flags & Finance  
Committee Meeting

**Mon., June 21 @ 7:15 pm**

Church Council Meeting

**June 21–25, 9 am–noon**

Galactic Blast VBS

**Week of June 28**

Family Promise

### Summer 2010

- 1/2 UPCOMING EVENTS
- NOTE FROM PASTOR
- ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- 3 DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
- 4 WORSHIP SERIES & PRAYERS
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- FAREWELL LUNCHEON
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## Calling One, Calling All to a St. Luke's Town Hall

Join us Sunday, May 23, following worship.

BY REV. JASON A. BURNHAM, SENIOR PASTOR

**W**ow! Wow! Wow! What a fantastic spring we have had at St. Luke's. It has been an absolute blessing to have this wonderful facility to minister from and beautiful sanctuary in which to worship. Lent was especially meaningful with our Wednesday night prayer services, and Easter was a Sunday I will not soon forget, with a record number of worship attendees and a glorious movement of the Spirit, reminding us all that we serve a RISEN savior.

We have much to celebrate, and will, at our first Potluck Lunch and Town Hall Meeting in our new facility on **Sunday, May 23**, following worship. We also have a great distance to go in order to continue the momentum toward God's vision for St. Luke's. At this Town Hall meeting, we will hear reports from the Church Council and Finance Committee that will paint a clear picture of where we are after six months in the new building.

Every member, regular attendee and otherwise interested party is welcome to attend. I've been to enough potlucks to know that there will be enough food to feed the masses.

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## Town Hall (cont.)

Furthermore, it is of the utmost importance that each of us receive these reports so we can celebrate the blessings and faithfully respond to the current ministry needs and those that lie ahead. We are the body of Christ, and we need every part to be present so that we can move as a unit, in the same direction.

Watch your emails and announcements on Sunday for your potluck assignments. I hope to see all of you there!



## Annual Conference

Along with Jason Burnham and DeAndre Johnson serving as clergy representatives, Andrew Hook will be attending this year's Annual Conference in The Woodlands as St. Luke's lay delegate. These three will have voting privileges during the business sessions.

All worship services are open to the public, and everyone at St. Luke's is invited to make the drive out to The Woodlands UMC.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mondays, May 17, June 21 and Aug. 23 @ 7:15 pm

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mondays, May 10, June 14, July 12 and Aug. 9 @ 7:15 pm

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY FELLOWSHIPS

Sundays, May 30 and Aug. 29 @ noon

### Sunday, May 30

7:00 pm Celebration of Life (*Sanctuary*)

### Monday, May 31

1:00 pm Opening Celebration (*Sanctuary*)

5:30 pm Contemplative Service  
(*The Woodlands UMC Robb Chapel*)

7:00 pm Gospel Service (*Sanctuary*)

8:15 pm Contemporary/Edgy Service  
(*The Woodlands UMC "The Loft"*)

### Tuesday, June 1

11:00 am Retirement Celebration (*Sanctuary*)

Noon Repeat of Contemplative Service  
(*The Woodlands UMC Robb Chapel*)

7:00 pm **Commissioning and Ordination**  
(*Sanctuary; DeAndre will be commissioned as a deacon at this service*)

### Wednesday, June 2

11:00 am Fiesta Sending Forth (*Sanctuary*)

## Discipleship Groups

Delve deeper into scripture through these studies.



### HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

*Starting May 23*

Sundays @ 9:15 am | Courtesy Room, St. Luke's  
Contact: Jane Ford @ 979-823-7409



### "PAUL THE APOSTLE" DVD SERIES

*May 9-30 only; group will not meet over summer*

Sundays @ 9:30 am | Conference Room, St. Luke's  
Contact: Kelsey Johnson @ 979-595-7571

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

*Look for special events this summer!*

Sundays, 5-7 pm | St. Luke's

Contact: Jason Burnham @ 979-822-9000



### INVITATION TO ROMANS

*May 12-June 30; Pick up book on May 9*

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm | St. Luke's  
Contact: Norm Clark @ 979-696-8919



### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

*Everything Is Spiritual by Rob Bell*

Wednesdays @ 7 pm | St. Luke's  
Contact: Jason Burnham @ 979-822-9000



### LIVE A PRAYING LIFE

*Starting May 20; Order book by May 10*

Thursdays @ 9:30 am & 7 pm | Home of Louise Davis  
Contact: Louise Davis @ 979-696-0559



### COLLEGE MINISTRY

*Wrestling With God (based on sermon series)*

Thursdays @ 8 pm | St. Luke's  
Contact: Andrew Hook @ 979-255-3227

*If you're interested in forming a new discipleship group, please contact Pastor Jason at 979-822-9000 or revjason@stlukesbcs.org.*

## UPCOMING events

### JULY & AUGUST 2010

Sun., July 4

Independence Day Flags

Fri., July 9, 7:30-9 pm

Drive-In Movie Night

Mon. July 12 @ 7:15 pm

Finance Committee Meeting

Thur., July 22, 7-9 pm

Brazos Bombers Baseball

Sun., July 25 @ noon

Exploring St. Luke's

Sat., Aug. 7, 10 am-1 pm

Day of Jubilee & Splash Party

Mon., Aug. 2 @ 7:15 pm

Staff-Parish Relations

Mon., Aug. 9 @ 7:15 pm

Finance Committee Meeting

Sun., Aug. 22

Back-to-School Pancakes  
& Exploring St. Luke's

Mon., Aug. 23 @ 7:15 pm

Church Council Meeting

Sun., Aug. 29 @ noon

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship



More calendar events  
at [stlukesbcs.org](http://stlukesbcs.org)

## 'Fire and Water' Worship Series

Every **Sunday at 10:30 am** this summer, St. Luke's will explore the significance of the biblical images of fire and water.

- June 6 | Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1–10)
- June 13 | Pillar of Fire (Exodus 13:17–22)
- June 20 | Fire on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18:16–40)
- June 27 | Chariot of Fire (2 Kings 2:1–14)
- July 4 | The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)\*
- July 11 | Tongues of Fire (Acts 2:1–13)\*
- July 18 | The Great Deluge (Genesis 6 & 7)
- July 25 | Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14)
- August 1 | Water from the Rock (Exodus 17:1–7)
- August 8 | Hezekiah and Water Warfare (2 Chronicles 32:1–8)
- August 16 | Water for Baptism (Acts 10:23b–48)
- August 23 | Living Water (John 4:1–42)

*\* Pastor DeAndre will be preaching.*

## Farewell Luncheon

On **Sunday, June 13**, immediately after church, there will be a farewell luncheon honoring charter members Bill and Jeanne Schroeder—hosted by friends—celebrating Bill's retirement and their permanent move to Vermont. Bring a pot-luck dish of your choice. BBQ and beverages will be provided.



## Exploring St. Luke's

**Sunday, May 16**

**Sunday, July 25**

**Sunday, Aug. 22**

*Noon–1:30 pm*

Lunch and orientation on what it means to become a member of St. Luke's Church.



## Let Us Pray

Continued prayers are offered for the following individuals:

- Roger Clark
- Katie Connor
- Paul Davis
- Clayton Ford
- Ally McNeil

*If you have any personal concerns, fill out a prayer card in worship.*

## Trustees Work Day

The Work Day originally scheduled by the Trustees for clearing items out of the Tauber Street offices has been rescheduled to **Saturday, May 15**. Volunteers will be needed to lift heavy items; photograph items and sell them on eBay; and take items to the trash, Habitat Restore and St. Luke's. This is the last of the off-site storage, and items have already been organized to some extent. Please contact Walter Cagle to volunteer at 979-412-2610 or call the church office Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm, at 979-822-9000.



## Church Lawn Care

Grass grows fast and so do the weeds! We need a crew of three people per week to rotate lawn care duties, including mowing, edging and flower bed maintenance. Contact Karl Goldapp (lawn) or Gwen Riddle (flowers) to sign up for the summer rotation!



## Mural Painting Excursion

Volunteers are in the home stretch of painting the 3,000 square feet mural for the 2010 Texas Annual Conference to be held in late May. With your help, this project can be completed on schedule. If you're interested in picking up a brush to help create this massive piece of art, a group of painters will be going to The Woodlands UMC on **Sunday, May 16**, leaving at 2 pm and returning by 9 pm. Art supplies will be provided. Bring money for dinner. For more info, contact DeAndre Johnson at 979-822-9000 or [djohnson@stlukesbcs.org](mailto:djohnson@stlukesbcs.org), or visit the mural project blog at [mastermural.wordpress.com](http://mastermural.wordpress.com).





## Finance Committee Report

St. Luke's budget for 2010 is \$17,167/month. Here is the church's income over the past three months:

February 2010: \$13,527

March 2010: \$9,135

April 2010: \$11,312

2010 Budget: \$206,000 | 2010 Expenses to Date: \$82,603

### CAMPAIGN FUNDS

(RECEIVED AS OF 04/30/10)

Pledged: **\$115,445**

Non-pledged: **\$62,481**

**Total: \$177,926**

### GOAL: \$350,000\*

Remaining: **\$172,074**

Percent of Goal Reached: **51%**

\*Expected end date: Jan. 2012



## Friday Night Jamz

Calling all musicians! Join Pastor DeAndre and the Worship Band for a late night jam session on **Friday, June 25**, at 8 pm at St. Luke's. Bring any instrument, any voice type, any music (keep it clean, folks). Be prepared to teach your song and simply rock out. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. Contact Pastor DeAndre for more information.

## Community Celebrations

### NEW MEMBERS

- Lacy Roxburgh (March 28)
- Jeremy and Sara Alfred (April 18)
- Jason and Kerri Cochran (April 18)
- Shirley Wurbs (April 18)

### COMMISSIONING AS A DEACON

At Annual Conference 2010 (see page 2 for details), our Director of Music and Worship, DeAndre Johnson, will be commissioned and receive provisional membership as a deacon in the United Methodist Church. A Service of Ordination and Commissioning will be held **Tuesday, June 1**, at 7 pm at The Woodlands United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend to support Pastor DeAndre. Following worship on **Sunday, June 6**, there will be a small reception celebrating our new associate pastor.



## Out of the Office

It will be a busy summer for Pastor Jason! Please take note of the following dates on which he will be out of the office:

- Pastoral Intern Orientation (May 20–21)
- Texas Annual Conference (May 30–June 2)\*
- MAP Youth Mission Trip (July 8–16)
- Advancing Pastoral Leadership (July 19–22)
- Pastoral Intern Retreat (July 26–27)
- Candidacy Summit (July 29–31)\*
- Sermon Planning Retreat (August 15–17)

\*Pastor DeAndre will also be out of the office.

## New Offering Envelopes

The Finance Committee has provided small offering envelopes that are available for those who want to have their cash offerings given in worship accounted for. Additionally, we anticipate that visitors may find it convenient to leave offerings this way. You can find the envelopes on the counter in the Welcome Center. Ushers will also have them available to pass out during the Sunday morning offering. Please note that new Church Directories and "Above and Beyond" brochures are also available in the Welcome Center.



## Flags Across Bryan

This ministry is looking for a replacement for Bill Schroeder (Route Captain) along with additional route drivers and helpers. Here are the next scheduled days to set out and pick up flags:

- Monday, May 31** | Memorial Day
- Monday, June 14** | Flag Day
- Sunday, July 4** | Independence Day



## Summer Family and Children's Activities

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 11 AM-NOON

#### Summer Fun in B-CS

Bring a brown bag lunch and hear from a guest speaker from the B-CS Convention and Visitors Bureau. Childcare provided. Free.

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 21-25, 9 AM-NOON

#### Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School

Children ages 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Space-themed activities with Bible stories, crafts, music, science, recreation and snacks. Free.

### FRIDAY, JULY 9, 7:30-9 PM

#### Drive-In Movie: "The Prince of Egypt" (PG)

Popcorn, drinks and cotton candy concessions to be sold as fundraiser for children and youth ministries.

### THURSDAY, JULY 22, 7-9 PM

#### Brazos Bombers Baseball Game

Group ticket price is \$6/adult and \$4/student or senior. Must have 25 people minimum for group rate.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 10 AM-1 PM

#### Day of Jubilee and Splash Party

Beat the heat with water fun, including squirt gun mural painting, bubble station, slip 'n' slide and snow cones. BBQ and lots of food. Free.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 8:45 AM

#### Back-to-School Pancake Buffet

Pancakes with lots of toppings (\$2/person) followed by the return of Sunday morning programs for kids and parents starting at 9:30 am.