

St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Church
1500 Country Club Road
Lake Charles, LA 70605
(337) 474-1500
(337) 477-3257 fax
www.stlukesimpson.org

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
LAKE CHARLES, LA. 70605
PERMIT NO. 205

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Weekly Holy Communion

Please join us for Holy Communion, weather permitting, at approximately 12:15 p.m., following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Nursery available.
We hope this will be a blessing for any and all who come.

Manna Ministries - Wednesdays from 9-11.

Trustees - May 7, 5:45 p.m.

Worship Team - May 7, 7 p.m.

Finance - May 21, 5:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men - May 14

Evangelism - May 21, 11:30 a.m.

UMW - Julia Paxton, May 17. Dee Cline Circle, May 17. Friends & Faithful Circle, May 10. Open Hearts Circle, May 14. Craft Circle, every Tuesday of the month. General Meeting, May 3.

Church Council - May 28.

*St. Luke-Simpson shall encourage others to accept Jesus Christ,
excite all to be disciples
of our Lord, equip all for ministry in the name of Jesus, and
empower all to use their spiritual gifts.*



The Spirit...

of St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Church

May 2012



Karl's Commentary: The Power of Pentecost

At the end of the Adult Worker's with Youth Training the other day, I made the comment that I love to pick on the disciples. I like to do that because I know in picking on them, I am actually identifying my own weaknesses. The disciples really are just normal folks, just like you and me. They had high and holy moments on the one hand, and sinful experiences on the other, just like we do. Their spiritual walk and growth, like ours, has its ups and downs.

Take the time frame between Easter and Pentecost...fifty days. The Bible gives us some indication as to what was happening during that time. Jesus made quite a few appearances in his resurrected state. In fact, it was during this time that he met with his disciples one morning on a beach, and had a beach bar-b-cue breakfast waiting for them! (John 21:1-14). The disciples were being themselves, going back to fishing, and not catching anything! Then Jesus appears and things change immediately.

What is ironic for the disciples, and ironic of us today, is that we wait for something more to occur before we act or respond to all that we know God has done for us. On the first Easter night, Jesus appeared in the upper room with the disciples, behind a closed, locked door, and even gave them the power of the Holy Spirit. And yet, the disciples still were not motivated to action!

This happens again at Jesus' Ascension. In Acts 1, the disciples are actually caught gawking at an empty sky after Jesus rose into the clouds. Angels even appear to them and ask why are you just standing there looking into the sky? The implication is clear: GET GOING!! YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO DO!!!

Not long after that, the problem was solved forever! In Acts 2, we have the wonderful story of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. The Holy Spirit came in such a way that the disciples could no longer procrastinate. They had to act, they had to BE **APOSTLES**, those sent by Jesus. The power of the Holy Spirit moved among them and in them. And we know the rest of the story. The whole world changed as the Apostles evangelized the world.

Pentecost Sunday is May 27. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit moves among us and motivates us, even more to be God's people right here in Lake Charles!!

Sunday Morning Schedule

Traditional Services

Worship 8:30 & 11:00

True North Casual Service

Worship 9:45

Sunday School

Sunday School 9:45 & 11:00

Staff

Directing Pastor
Rev. Karl Klaus

Associate Pastors
Rev. Roger Templeton &
Rev. Henry Bowdon

Director of Lay Ministries
Laura Sawyer

Youth Director
Doug Young

Director of Children's Ministries
Lauren Bedevian

Child Care Director
Jamie Fierro

Office Manager
Lea Simon

Financial Secretary
Jeanette Savoie

Financial Secretary's Assistant
Irma Breaux

Administrative Assistant
Ken Atkins

Music Director
Bill Rose

Organist/Children's Choir
Annette Larsen

True North Asst. Director
Linda Findley

Bell Choirs
Anne Rose

Building & Maintenance
John Jenkins



TRUSTEES GETTING IT DONE! Intrepid Steve Pekar stands atop two different styles of lifts as he repairs our parking lot lights. He also fixed the lights behind the Child Care Center. Thank you, Steve, along with fellow Board of Trustees member David Hood and helper Ken Findley, for taking care of our lights!!

St. Luke Simpson United Methodist Church Child Care Center is seeking a qualified, dedicated individual to fill the position of Director. Educational requirements are a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred) from a regionally accredited college or university in Child Development; Early Childhood Education or other related field and one year supervised child care experience in a licensed center or comparable setting. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

Please email your resume to slssprc@gmail.com with "Child Care" in the subject box. Resumes may also be dropped off at the church office, 1500 Country Club Road, Lake Charles. The deadline for resume submission is Friday May 4, 2012.

PRAYER NEEDS

Audrey Addison, Melissa & Jude Agendia, **Brody Atkins**, Donna Akins, **Lisa Albrecht**, Becky Areno, Stephen Ardoin, Vickie Bailey, Lynn Baker, Keith Belaire, Anna Marie Bingham, Larry Breaux, Kenny Brown, **Bettye Brooks**, Brittany Broussard, Joseph Broussard, Bob Brown, Stephen "Dane" Camara, **Brantley Cagle**, **Gayle Carpenter**, Sue Caster, **Peggy Claudel**, **Martha Comeaux**, **Beth Conrad**, Kristy Cormier, Janet & Raymond Cress, Margie Dailey, **Kelly Dean**, Ann Dore, **Helen Lewis Dunn**, Jon Fagan, Beverly Fontenot, Kristi George, Teri Glasgow, Dana Griffin, **Dana Guth**, Lorita Harris, Diane Hendrickson, **Brenda Hoffman**, Leona James, **Bob Jantz**, **Sarah Hyde**, Alex Jardneaux, **Minnie Jemison**, **John Kalna**, Adam Kane, **Nancy Keating**, **Chuck Kerr**, **Leigh King**, Jim King, **Deborah Knisely**, **Caitlyn Landry**, **Nell Longo**, **Elaine Louviere**, Hannah Maddie, Campbell Martinez, Lutherine "Lou" Matthis, Merlin McFarlin, Nora Meyers, Elizabeth Morris, **Lynette Morton**, Dan Mullins, Dena Nordier, **Charlie Oakley**, Monica Odom, Joey Overmeyer, Sue Parker, Stephanie Peloquin, **Betty Pickett**, **Lee Plaisance**, Catherine Plummer, Chase Pousson, Charles Precht III, Alex Radford, Emily & Elaina Ramirez, Sheila Rather, Steve Reddy, Trena Reed, J. B. Richard, Kim Rimes, **Dorothy Roach**, Garry Roach, **Marian Roan**, Shari Roberts, Peyton Rock, Vicky Rock, Dorothy Rogers, Donny Royer, Tommy Rutledge, Barbara Schultz, Wes Stark, Tom Sims, **Brenda Smith**, Maxie Sonnier, Shari Stetv, Raymond Taylor, Elaine Templeton, Linda Thomas, **Renea Tindel**, **Jeff Totten**, Johnathan & Rebecca Trahan, Elizabeth Trahan, Amanda Trosclair, **Jay Tullier**, Terry Umfleet, **Daisy Walker**, Gail Watson, **Carol Wegman**, Curtis White, **Cecil Yantis**



- 5/1 Daniel Bruner, Ben Cross, John Harris, Anna Hoffpaur, Nick Lee
- 5/3 Kay Authement, Darsie Derouen, Lydia Woodward
- 5/5 Kirk Fertakis, Dondra Granger, Sophie Sonnier
- 5/6 Laurie Sole, Ramsey Vincent
- 5/7 Shelli Barrett, Hugh Collette, Norma Hebert, Caitlyn Landry
- 5/8 Natalie Breaux, Peyton Montgomery, Neil Price, Doug Young
- 5/9 Lauren Bedevian
- 5/10 Sarah Bell, Nathan Simon
- 5/11 Laura Lewing
- 5/12 Beth Bowers, Charlie Leithead
- 5/13 Herman Manuel
- 5/16 Glenn Gay, John Ludtman, Cary Martin, Jack Mitchell
- 5/17 Jonathan Cross, William Harris
- 5/18 Mickey Woodward, Barbara Yates
- 5/19 Tyler Hebert, Hunter Hinton, Jeannine Morgan, Larry Roach
- 5/20 Brent Hoffman, Jennifer Klepzig, Mandi Phipps
- 5/21 Steve Baker, Tiffany Murchison, Jim Thomas
- 5/22 Kale Webb
- 5/24 Iva Lou Chustz, Eve Reeves, Kate Swire, Seth Williams
- 5/25 Katelyn Delia, Brenda Hoffman, Austin Lee, Michael Rachal
- 5/26 Lauren Sonnier, Betty Youngblood
- 5/27 Bryan Anderson, Liz Townsley, Elliott Tullier
- 5/28 Ron Cobb, Daxton Everage, Bob Jantz, Curtis Nelson
- 5/29 Ethan Padgett
- 5/30 Liz Little
- 5/31 Steven Breaux, Lisa Morgan, Marcy Perkins



Treat that special man in your life to breakfast on Father's Day. The SLS UMM will host the 2nd Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast on Father's Day, June 17th, 2012. Tickets will be on sale soon, \$5 each for pancakes, biscuits and sausage, milk and orange juice. Watch your church bulletin for future updates.

JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK

House cluttered? More stuff than you need? Want to get rid of some of it without filling the landfills? Here's what you do. Reserve a spot in the JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK Parking Lot Garage Sale for Saturday, May 5. You will pay \$20 for your spot. We will advertise for you. You pack your car or trunk with the treasures that you want to sell. Show up at the church by 6 a.m. Sell your stuff, pocket the profit and go home at 11 a.m. It's sooooo easy! Reserve your spot today! Call 474-1500 or sign up in the Narthex. Only 20 spots will be available!

The Lake Charles Choral Foundation

Presents

“Love Makes the World Go Round”

Dr. Darryl Jones, Director

Friday, May 11

7:30 p.m.

Mother’s Day Concert

Sunday, May 13, 3:00 p.m.

St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Church

Adults \$15

Students \$5

Tickets sold at the door or purchased at

Swicegood Music

Dear Pastor Templeton:

Steve and I want to thank you so much for letting us use your beautiful facility for our state conference. For us, as fellow ambassadors for Christ, the added dimension of spending two days in a church while conferencing on our passion for mental health work, was indeed wonderful. As accustomed as we are to teaching our NAMI classes and facilitating our support groups at our home church facility (First Lutheran Church,) we felt right at home.

NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE

MAY 5TH

ALL SOUTH LC COLLECTIONS COME TO MANNA!!

We’ll be receiving the food donations from the letter carriers on Saturday between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to unload the trucks, sort the food in the gym, transport it to the Food pantry, and unload it on the shelves.

This food drive consists of 4 to 6 months of food for Manna ministries and it is literally TONS OF FOOD! We need YOUR help to sort this food! THANK YOU SO MUCH!



FOOD DRIVE

PRESCHOOL NEWS

What a beautiful and busy spring we have had here at the preschool! The children had their spring portraits taken, worked on Mother’s Day projects, and have been practicing for the end of year programs. The programs will be held Tuesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 10 in the church sanctuary. The last day of preschool is Friday, May 25.

As the current year winds down, teachers and staff are beginning to prepare for the summer program which begins on June 4. All of our classes for summer are full. We have limited openings for fall. We are still in need of a cook’s assistant for the morning and substitutes for both morning and afternoon.

We would like to give a fond farewell to Debbie Graybill who will be retiring this spring. She has been at SLS Preschool for 21 years, serving as a kindergarten teacher, Pre K teacher and Preschool Director. She has been such an asset to our childcare center and will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

STEWARDSHIP = Managing of something entrusted to one's care

DID YOU KNOW . . .

The Adult Ministry budget, currently \$3500, has been reduced by 60% since 2002?

The Adult Ministry team gives \$1200 per year to support the McNeese Wesley Foundation Director’s salary? Adult Ministry coordinates Adult Sunday School, Small Group Studies, Leadership Training, and special series events like “Pizza & Praise”?

Continuing Education conferences help our staff expand spiritual growth at SLS and can cost up to \$2000 per year?

New Ministry startups such as College Age and Singles are in need of funding?

Family Budgeting Workshop

May 20th 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Children, Youth and Adults will learn the basics of budgeting. Each age group will develop plans for Giving, Saving, and Spending. RSVP to the church office today @ 474.1500

Financial Peace University

Starting Sunday June 3rd @ 5:30 pm

7 Steps to Financial Freedom

1. \$1000 Emergency Fund
2. Pay off all debt using the Debt Snowball
3. 3 to 6 months of expenses in savings
4. Invest 15% of Household income into Roth IRAs and Pre-Tax Retirement

5. College Funding for Children

By this point, you should have already started Baby Step 4—investing 15% of your income—before saving for college. Whether you are saving for you or your child to go to college, you need to start now.

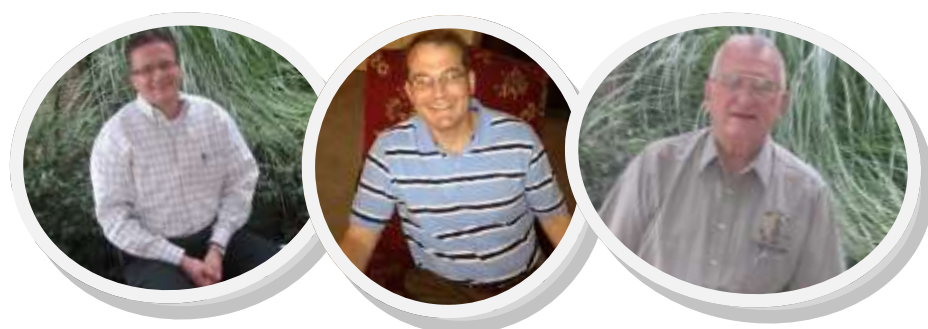
In order to have enough money saved for college, you need to have a goal. Determine how much per month you should be saving at 12% interest in order to have enough for college. If you save at 12% and inflation is at 4%, then you are moving ahead of inflation at a net of 8% per year!

Never save for college using:

- Insurance
- Savings bonds (only 5-6% growth)
- Zero-coupon bonds. (only 6-8% growth)
- Pre-paid college tuition (only 7% inflation rate)



The best way to save for college is with Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and 529 plans. Remember, college is possible without loans!



Roger Templeton

John Robert Black

Henry Bowdon

June 10

Traditional - Henry Bowdon	“The Joy of Beating the Doldrums”	I Kings 19:1-18
True North - Roger Templeton	“Give Us Something to See to Believe!”	I Samuel 8:4-20

June 17 - Father’s Day

Traditional - Henry Bowdon	“The Joy of Being a Good Father”	I Timothy 4:11-16
True North - Roger Templeton	“Sharecroppers”	Mark 3:26-29

June 24 - Roger’s Last Sunday

All three - Roger Templeton	“Who Touched Me?”	Mark 5:25-34
-----------------------------	-------------------	--------------

**July 1 - John Robert’s First Sunday
Holy Communion/Fourth of July Celebration**

All three - John Robert Black	“The Joy of God’s Faithfulness”	Genesis 9:8-17
-------------------------------	---------------------------------	----------------

July 8

Traditional - Henry Bowdon	“The Joy that Leads to Life”	Acts 20:17-38
True North - John Robert Black	“The Joy of the Church”	Matthew 5:14-16

July 15

Traditional - Henry Bowdon	“The Joy of Conquering Evil”	Romans 7:15-25
True North - John Robert Black	“The Joy of Knowing Jesus”	John 15:4-11;

July 22

Traditional:	Great Day of Singing	
True North - John Robert Black	“The Joy of Love”	1 John 4:1-21

July 29

All three - John Robert Black	“The Joy of Serving”	John 13:12-17
-------------------------------	----------------------	---------------

August 5

Traditional - Henry Bowdon	“The Joy of Going from Lip to Heart”	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
True North - John Robert Black	“A Peculiar Bush”	Exodus 3:1-8

August 12

All three - John Robert Black	“We’re Dying of Thirst”	Exodus 17:1-6
-------------------------------	-------------------------	---------------

August 19

Traditional - Karl Klaus	“Wise Living”	Ephesians 5:15-20
True North - John Robert Black	“Funny Names, Funny Legacy”	Daniel 3:19-30

Our Senior Pastor, Rev. Karl Klaus, will be taking a Renewal Leave June 10 - August 12. Karl will be here to celebrate Roger’s Ministry with us on June 24 as well as welcoming John Robert on July 1. Karl will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, August 19.



**Confirmation Sunday
May 20, 8:30 service**

6th Grade Students seeking confirmation will be received on Sunday, May 20! Our 6th grade students have been studying with Mrs. Kym Klaus & Mr. Paul Steele throughout this past year. Awesome job! If you have not been participating or are an older youth not yet confirmed, please contact Doug for more info.

Invest in Youth Mission!

Thank you to our awesome church for your support of Youth Missions! Our Mission Trip stock sales have ended, but if you would still like to purchase one or more shares of stock, please contact Doug Young at 474-1500!

Sponsor a Youth for Summer Camp or Mission Trip!

Give a special gift! If you would like to sponsor (in full or part) a Youth to attend a summer mission trip or a camp at Uskichitto, please contact our Youth Director, Doug Young, at 474-1500 or doug@stlukesimpson.org. If you know of anyone ever needing assistance to attend any event, please let me know as well.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 20, 11:00 service**

Congrats to our Graduating Seniors! All Graduates, High School and College, are asked to contact the church office and turn in pictures no later than May 11 to be recognized.

**6th Graders join Youth Group
Sunday, June 3rd**

All Youth that have completed 6th grade are invited to join us at Youth Group each and every Sunday night from 5:30 to 7:30! Bring a \$1 for snack supper and be sure to invite a friend!

How can your everyday purchases help St. Luke Simpson Youth?

Who hasn't uttered the words, "I wish there was something I could do to help"? Now you can. Start shopping! At www.iGive.com/slsums, you can buy the items you need from stores you trust - everything from office supplies and airline tickets to designer handbags, electronics, and even lingerie!

It's FREE and blissfully simple. Just shop for everyday items at over 700 stores in the iGive network, including Staples, Barnes & Noble, Lands' End, Best Buy, Apple, Bass Pro Shops, and Pottery Barn. A portion of each purchase automatically benefits the Youth Ministry of St. Luke Simpson!

Anytime you search online, our Youth Ministry benefits as well!



Join now at www.iGive.com/slsumc
Information is subject to change. Visit www.iGive.com for current details.
© iGive.com Holdings, LLC

An Invitation to Commissioning

On May 6, our congregation will commission our Stephen Ministers. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to help carry on that biblical tradition by being a part of commissioning those who have responded to God's call to be part of our congregation's Stephen Ministry.

Our Stephen Ministers have already completed substantial training to equip them for their task. We now lay hands on them, pray for them, and send them out to minister, asking for God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power. This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for this ministry. Our Stephen Ministers will be depending on our support in the time ahead as they assume the duties of their ministry. How can we help?

First of all, we can pray for our Stephen Leaders, our Stephen Ministers, and their care receivers. This ministry calls for both time and effort. At times they may feel tired, discouraged, or convinced that they are not accomplishing anything. The assurance of our prayers and appreciation will help them keep moving forward.

We can also affirm and show our appreciation for this valuable ministry. We can tell them how much their hard work means to us, tell others how much we value our Stephen Ministry, and focus attention on our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers to bless and affirm them in special ways - as we do with our commissioning services.

We can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of us may recognize a call to use your special gifts in this ministry and may apply to be a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. We can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. We all can give our enthusiastic support by keeping Stephen Ministry always before us and by praying for and affirming those who have answered God's call to serve in this way.

As we commission our newly trained Stephen Ministers, let us thank God for all that they will bring to this congregation in providing care to others, and let us promise them our daily prayers and support as we send them out to minister among us.

ST. LUKE-SIMPSON RETURNS TO TUSCALOOSA, AL, WITH SAMARITAN'S PURSE
Please pray for the following missioners as some of them return for a second time and others their first time to Tuscaloosa, AL, to help tornado victims from the April 27, 2011, tornado which destroyed many homes. Samaritan's Purse has dreams to rebuild 20 homes in this city. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to take part in their dreams. The team will depart Lake Charles on Monday, May 14, and return home on Saturday, May 19. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated. Team members are Courtney Ashby, Dave Bruce, Jack Clark, Warren and Carolyn Bozeman, Charles Russell, Roger Templeton, Anne Rose, Helen Page and Lisa Morgan.



S.A.L.T. goes to Camp!

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012

FISH FRY...GAMES...BUS TRIP.....FRIENDS

The S.A.L.T. LUNCHEON (Senior Adults Laughing Together) will travel by Church Bus to the Uskichitto Retreat Center (our district camp) near Kinder, La. We'll be joining FUMC,LC's Senior Adult Group!

Cost: \$10 for meal; RSVP by Monday, May 21 to the church office or in the Friendship pads in worship

Menu: fried fish, hush puppies, side salad, and dessert

Here's the game plan:

- 9:00 – depart SLS parking lot
- 10:00 - Arrive Uskichitto for games and walking the grounds etc.
- 12:00 - Fish Fry Lunch
- 2:00 board & Leave the camp
- 3:00 - Arrive SLS

The Bus will drop us off right at the door to the Dining Hall where we'll play games and eat. You needn't venture outside if you don't want to! The view from the Dining Hall is lovely!

WHAT DOES THE CAMP HAVE TO OFFER?

Board Games (we'll bring a few of our own as well)

Beautiful scenery & outside chairs & benches

A fish pond

Walking trails and a gravel road for walking