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## Saint Luke United Methodist Church

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### Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate Trinity Sunday at the 10:30 in-person and online worship service. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost and eight weeks after Easter.

*Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the unity: We beseech thee to keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.*



*The church office will be closed May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Please remember all of our veterans, especially those who are remembered bi-weekly in our newsletter and weekly in our bulletin: Ryan Kelly Hampton, Kyle Johnson, Krystal Calvert, Evan Hill, Matt Miller, Nathaniel Hill, Alex Sullivan-Green, Harrison Lenox and Junior Chowe.*

*Remember those who are still with us and those who have passed away serving our country and in other countries around the world.*



## Recognizing 2024 Graduates

### University Graduates:

*Natalie Elizabeth Birney*

University of Oklahoma

Masters in Architecture

Grandparents: George & Mary Paris

*Isabella Quintanilla*

University of North Texas

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broadcast Journalism

Grandmother: Karen Rockett

### High School Graduates:

*Aubrey Kelley*

Evant High School

Will attend Tarleton State University

Great-Grandmother: Earline Vinnedge

*Jonathan David Lasiter*

Keller High School

Will attend Oklahoma Baptist University

Grandparents: David & Cindy Lasiter

Great-Grandmother: Earline Vinnedge

*Kate McGilvray*

Evant High School

Will attend University of Mary Hardin Baylor

Great-Grandmother: Earline Vinnedge

*Landry Stamps*

Keller High School

Will attend Tyler Junior College

on a Baseball Scholarship

Grandparents: George & Karen Angle



## Upper Room Devotional

### Psalm 29

*Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.*

Reading Psalm 29 feels like the storm it describes. The phrases are short and punctuated with graphic imagery. Listening to the psalm, you can close your eyes and see the raging tempest that must have been bearing down on God's people. Perhaps they were calling out to God for help. But one thing is for sure: God's voice is powerful, and hearing it fills us with awe and inspires us to worship. Although God's voice can come as a whisper, this Psalm asserts that the voice of the Lord is never thwarted. It always achieves God's purposes. On this we can depend. It speaks to God's steadfast loving-kindness.

What has been your experience with water? Do you live near it and enjoy water-related recreational activities? Perhaps you've had scary experiences with water that make you wary. Whatever your experiences with literal water, we have all likely suffered from being tossed about by the metaphorical storms of life. During those times when noises surrounds us and the voice in our own head is yelling for help, it is reassuring that the God of the universe speaks to our needs and will bless us with strength and peace.

In Hebrew the word *strength* in verse 11 is a cognate for *security, might, and boldness*. In Exodus 15:2, strength is linked to salvation. Being blessed with strength in the context of this psalm means that we boldly find our security in God's might. Likewise the word *peace* or *shalom* carries with it the meanings of safety, healing, and wholeness. The psalm is telling us that God's love will not only secure us but will do so in such a way that we are made whole. God cares for us so that with God we will not only survive but thrive.

**Dear Lord, in life's storms you offer us strength and safety. As the hymn says, "A mighty fortress is our God." Thank you for reaching out to us. Amen.**



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...**

**Continued Prayer Concerns:** Jeanne Anne Pharis; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Betty Holshouser; Scott Paris; Burt & Marylou Moore; Barbara Jones; Charles & Pat Hooper; Alice Cook; Melissa Lechler & her son, Lucas; Toni Hood's granddaughter -in-law, Christin; Buddy & DeeDee Hill's grandson, Milo; Darren Isbell; Ed Baker; Clifford & Marilyn Smith; Sandra Mason; Mel & Susan Bishara's family in Israel and their nephew, Jimmy; Bob Watkins & family; Peggy Fallin; Raymond Hames; Rory Yocum; Art & Cathy Gordon; Larea Phippen; Ovella Russell; David Stapp; Pat Burt & family with the loss of Bennie; Joe Crawford; George & Karen Angle's daughter, Sarah & daughter-in-law, Kristine; Ruby Lane's nephew, Dan Reynolds; Roy & Joan Hudson's son, Richard; family of Betty Ann Carter; Tommie Martin; Beverly Bradley; Byron Lechler; Martha Chapman's daughter, Carol Gillan

**This Week's Concerns:** Sherry Chandler & family with the loss of her sister, Jane West; family of Jo Wommack; Patty Tucker; Barbara Kimbrough; Maggie Khoury; Dayna Cox's son, Brennan; the people of the southern of Israel and Gaza; those affected by flooding; wildfires; isolation & loneliness; gun violence each day in our country; the people of Ukraine & the world; prayers for our nation

**Our Military:** Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox; Junior Chowe



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Cost:  
One Book: \$3  
Two Books: \$5

Or a donation to help cover printing costs



### Holy Communion † Sunday, June 2, 2024

*Communion will be served during our in-person worship service. We will invite all who are able to come to the altar to receive communion. As usual during our online worship service we will invite you to participate in communion by having your own elements ready.*

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had eight in attendance and four from the PIF class Sunday morning. Ruby gave us an update on Beverly Bradley. We hope to see Beverly back in class soon. We appreciate Ruby for presenting us with this Sunday's lesson. Prayer concerns: family of Jo Wommack and Joe Crawford

*Mary Ross*

## GENESIS CLASS:

Thank you, Amy Bibb for getting us started on our new lesson book, *The Walk*. We only covered the introduction getting to know the author and discussing the different kinds of "walks" some of us have traveled. Read chapter one for next week as Amy continues to lead us. If you need a book, there are still a few available.

Keep these in your prayers this week: Dayna's son, Brennan; her friends, Mark and Angie; family of Jo Wommack; Barbara Kimbrough; Art Gordon; and Nate Bishara.

Doughnuts:

May 26—Anita Bookout

June 2—Buddy & DeeDee Hill

June 9—Amy Bibb

Y'all have a great week and we'll see you next Sunday.

*Anita Bookout*

## UPPER ROOM CLASS:

For Sunday, May 19 we had 6 in attendance. We are looking forward to Jack and Lorna's return from England on May 23. They have been missed. Our prayer concerns are for Larea and Ronnie Pippin, Doris Crocker, Bonnie Richards, Jerry Squatter, Patty Tucker, Kimberly and Frances (friends of Rose Mascari), Byron Lechler, Pat and Charlie Hooper, Tommie Martin, the family of Betty Ann Carter, Carol Gilland and Maggie Khoury. Our joys are for Virgil's new venue in Branson for the sell of his metal art, for Earline's family in the celebration of 3 great—grandchildren who will be graduating from high school this month, and for the continued good progress of Byron's therapy and healing from a recent stroke. Thank you Gail for the devotion titled "God Hears Us" based on Exodus 2:23-25 and for the delicious refreshments. Also, many thanks to Virgil for bringing us another great lesson from Matthew 25.

Don't forget our President's Party on Memorial Day, May 27, 5:00 o'clock at Mary Ruth's. The menu this year is hamburgers, baked beans, slaw and banana pudding. Of course, if you want to bring one of your favorite sides, all contributions are welcome. Also, Mary Ruth has a birthday on May 25. You may want to bring her a special card.

Resale Shop: \$224

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday—9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Devotion/Refreshments: Virgil and Ann

Lesson: Matthew 25:31

*Wishing you many blessings, Gloria Lechler*

TITHES  
&  
OFFERINGS

Please continue your financial support of St. Luke United Methodist Church. There are several ways to contribute that include mailing your offering to the church office or giving online through our website, [stlukeumchaltomcity.org](http://stlukeumchaltomcity.org).

You may also use your banking online payment services to make your contributions every month.

Thank you for your continued support of  
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## Wednesday Morning Prayer Group & Bible Study

May 29 † Fellowship Hall

Prayer Group † 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study † 10:00 a.m.

Book of Hebrews

*We invite you to join us next Wednesday.*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Dr. Martha is asking for volunteers to work in the OLD Resale Shop to go through bags and boxes to get merchandise ready for sale. Call Dr. Martha at 817/269-9654 to schedule a time to work.

Newsletter

The next *E-Messenger* Newsletter will be published **June 5** and all submissions need to be in the church office by **June 3**. Thank you!





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Sunday Services: Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.

French Worship Service • 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

**Trinity Sunday**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
 1:30 p.m. Expansion Church  
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

**Monday, May 27, 2024**

Office Closed—Memorial Day Holiday

**Tuesday, May 28, 2023**

No Activities

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group  
 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Activities  
 6:00 p.m. French Congregation Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 30, 2024**

9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast—Bluebonnet Café

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost † Communion Sunday**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
 1:30 p.m. Expansion Church  
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

**Monday, June 3, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Submission DEADLINE

**Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

No Activities

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Prayer Group  
 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Activities  
 6:00 p.m. French Congregation Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal



***Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for  
 In-Person Worship or Online Worship via our  
 Facebook page & You Tube:  
 SLUMC—Haltom City***

***Sunday, May 26, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.***

***Trinity Sunday***

***Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.***

***Weekly Attendance • May 8, 2024***

*Prayer Group—6  
 Wednesday Bible Study—14  
 Youth Activities—5  
 French Bible Study—9  
 UMM Breakfast • May 9—5*

***Sunday, May 12, 2024***

*Sunday School—71  
 In-Person Worship—53  
 Online Worship—122  
 French Worship Service—60*

***Weekly Attendance • May 15***

*Prayer Group—6  
 Wednesday Bible Study—16  
 Youth Activities—6  
 French Bible Study—7  
 UMM Breakfast • May 16—6*

***Sunday, May 19, 2024***

*Sunday School—52  
 In-Person Worship—62  
 Online Worship—107  
 French Worship Service—0*