

The Evangeline

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St. Luke's Adult Education for the Fall of '06

I am very excited to announce our adult curriculum for the fall of '06. My prayer as we embark on a new academic year is that you would be strengthened in your faith, grow in the knowledge of God, and encouraged in your relationship with the Lord. Classes begin on Sunday, August 20.

-Fr. Jed

During the Adult Education hour on Sunday we will be providing 4 dynamic classes. Those classes are:

Alpha Course: *Why are we here? Does my life have meaning? Is there something more to life? The Alpha course helps explore the questions of life. We invite all to this ten-week opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith to your life today. This is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centered around food, fellowship and fun.*

The Names of God (Old Testament): *Do you know how many names there are for God? Do you know that each name describes a special characteristic of God? Can you name just a few? This Old Testament class goes through the different names of God and explores the rich meaning behind each name.*

The Names of Jesus (New Testament): *Most people are familiar with the "I am" claims Jesus makes in the four Gospels, but did you know that there are 50 names of Jesus? This class will walk through the "I am" statements as well as other significant names.*

On Point: *Are you looking to learn something new each week about a biblical topic that relates to your life today? This class will take you through a variety of important biblical themes to help you navigate through your daily living.*

Wednesday Nights:

This fall Fr. Josh will be leading a Wednesday night bible study at St. Luke's for the entire church. Dinner, Bible study, and various other events will be provided for the evening. The Wednesday night events will be the first and third Wednesdays of the month, beginning September 20. This is a parish wide event so all are invited. Childcare will be provided for the little ones so stay tuned for more information...

Children's Ministry Fall Sunday School

Sunday School starts August 20th with a fun, new approach. Each week, all the children start together in room 201 for a group lesson with Fr. Robert Magoola. Then off to the classrooms where our Fall program begins with a study of *Samuel, the Boy who Listened to God*. This 5 week series focuses on learning to listen as well as serving others. Each week the children will experience the story of Samuel through a different approach - including storytelling, music, art, cooking, games, movies, and drama. This offers a deeper understanding of the story through a variety of perspectives and experiences.

We still have volunteer opportunities. If you would like to be a part of this exciting program or be on our teaching team, please contact Carolyn Bartkus at 214-368.6304 ext. 37.

Youth Confirmation Class

All sixth graders and older who have not yet been confirmed are encouraged to attend confirmation class this fall. They will meet on four consecutive Sundays, September 10, 17 & 24, and October 1. The sessions will meet immediately following Sunday School, lunch will be provided, and they will finish at 5 p.m.

Confirmation weekend will be October 13-15. On Friday, October 13 there will be a dinner for all confirmands and their families, provided and served by the vestry. (The Bishop usually attends the dinner, if his schedule allows.) Saturday is a retreat day and the Bishop will be here to confirm on Sunday, October 15.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Julie Wieters at (972) 387-1481.

Save the Date

*Women's Ministries
Fall Kick-Off Luncheon
Saturday, September 16*

Women's Ministries will host a **BAKE SALE** at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 10.

For information about donating baked goods, please contact Sarah Doumany at (214) 668-8376 or SDoumany@hotmail.com.

Friday 6:30 a.m. Eucharist & Bible Study

While Rev. Don Spafford is on vacation this summer, Fr. Robert Magoola is celebrating the Friday morning Eucharist and leading the Bible study group that follows.



Adult Confirmation Class

Do you have questions about the history or government of the Anglican or Episcopal church? Would you like to know more about the sacraments or worship of our church? Do you wonder if there is a connection between the Book of Common Prayer and our Monday-to-Friday lives?

A team of clergy and laity will address these topics and more about the heritage of our faith and its relevance in our lives in the Adult Inquirers' Class that is scheduled this fall as part of "On Point" during the Christian Education hour. Watch for the schedule of classes and teachers in the education offerings of the September Evangeline!

Ministry Fair Is Coming Sunday, September 10



It will be a fair for the entire parish family with hot dogs, cotton candy, music in the courtyard, and fun for the kids. Of course we will still have the ministry booths to look over in Harman Hall, but it will be much more than just an overview of our ministries. It will be a time for fellowship as well. Plans are underway!

Family Fun In the Sun To Repeat, August 6

Just bring your lunch and a swimsuit, we'll provide the rest.



WHAT DOES STEWARDSHIP MEAN AT ST. LUKE'S?

IT MEANS MANY THINGS, BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST IT MEANS WE ARE CALLED BY GOD, THROUGH OUR STEWARDSHIP OF HIS MANY BLESSINGS, TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.

WE ALSO BELIEVE:

1. Stewardship begins with our relationship with Jesus Christ and our faith and trust in the Word of God.
2. God created the universe and all that is in it; therefore he is the true and rightful owner of all things.
3. God is the ultimate giver and we are made in God's image; therefore we must be generous givers of what God has given us.
4. The living out of a Christian life requires faithful stewardship.
5. Our wealth, possessions, gifts and influence are God-given tools by which we are called to relieve our brothers and sisters of suffering, hunger and oppression. We have been blessed so that we might be a blessing to others.
6. Our hope, fulfillment and security rests in God alone; therefore we will not be possessed by our possessions, and we will align our priorities with the Kingdom of God and not the culture which denies him.

*"And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. **And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.**"*

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Church Bell Dedication



On Sunday, July 9, the beautiful new bell and tower were dedicated. No one at St. Luke's had heard the bell before it was rung during the dedication ceremony. Everyone was pleased with the lovely tone and we look forward to hearing it call us to worship every Sunday.

The bell and tower are a gift of parishioners Carey and Ruth Caraway Walton. The church bell, which is made of steel, was on a farm located at Bayou Current, Louisiana, when the farm was purchased by Carey's parents George and Florence Walton. Carey inherited the farm from his parents and donated the bell to St. Luke's in 2005.

The tower was designed by architect and parishioner Paul Rash and was installed under the direction of Junior Warden Joel Pittman and the Building & Grounds Committee.



New Orleans Youth Mission Trip

Scott suggested that we try a group called Wonder Voyage for the youth mission trip . . . the leader's name was Molly. When she talked, the kids were mesmerized. She made them really think about themselves and why they were there and what God wanted them to do with their lives. I think they did just that!

We teamed up with Church of the Epiphany, Church of the Apostle (Coppell), and a church from Pennsylvania. There were 57 of us in all; we lived in a house in New Orleans that was run by Youth with a Mission. We had the smallest group we have ever had from St. Luke's - eight total . . . Scott Kiolbassa, Zein and Marria Nakhoda, Christina Steigenberger, Morgan and Taylor Wright, Maddie Harper and me, Forrest Petricca.

I'm sorry for those of you who missed the presentation on Sunday, because it's hard to duplicate the sincerity, the humbleness, the heartfelt aching that those kids brought back from New Orleans. I know it has changed their perspective on the "things" in their lives, what is truly important, and that we **can** make a difference and touch lives with a sense of hope and caring. We all have been changed for the better.

— Forrest Petricca



St. Luke's Financial Summary June 2006

The following table presents a summary of the 2006 operating fund revenues and expenses through the end of **June 2006**, as compared to the new 2006 budget on a year-to-date basis ("YTD").

Description	2006 Actual YTD	2006 Budget YTD	Fav (Unfav)
Income	\$540,108	\$500,844	\$39,264
Expenses:			
Compensation & benefits	272,808	276,810	4,002
Office expenses	33,564	27,996	(5,568)
Facilities expense	84,651	100,000	15,349
Parish organizations	34,339	25,848	(8,491)
Diocesan assmt.	53,502	57,000	3,498
Diocesan M & O Fund	8,004	8,004	0
Debt service	20,642	20,642	0
Total expenses	507,510	516,300	8,790
Over (Under)	\$32,598	(\$15,456)	\$48,054

Notes: Receipts for the summer are improving, with thanks! Special efforts to fund your pledge, or to prayerfully consider making a pledge if you have not done so would be gratefully appreciated!



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving God, Father of mercies, fountain of all goodness and blessing, you know our needs before we ask: help us in this life not to run after the hollow prizes of the world, but to run to obtain your promises, that we may be partakers of your heavenly treasure; and inspire us to freely give as we have freely received; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Want Ad

Parishioners to serve Pastoral Care by writing notes to our homebound parishioners on a regular basis. Debbie Sawtelle will pair volunteers with a person or persons who would benefit from this special communication. Families could "adopt" an individual, youth could write notes, active seniors, anyone with a heart to reach out to our homebound could be part of this ministry.

Contact Debbie at the church office, (214) 368-6304 ext. 36.



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Services at St. Luke's

Sunday Eucharists

7:30 a.m. Rite I *in the Church*

10:00 a.m. Rite II *in the Church*

10:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
in the Chapel

12:30 p.m. Spanish Language
Eucharist
in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. Rite II *in the Chapel*

Weekday Eucharists

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Rite II *in the Chapel*

THURSDAY

Noon Rite II with Unction
In the Chapel

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