

# The Evangeline

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## Sunday, September 7

11:15 AM in the Courtyard & Harman Hall

Welcome  
Reception  
for Fr. Robert  
Odom



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## and Ministry Fair with the Hamburger Man





# Elvis Is Coming

The Savvy Seniors are in for another treat at the next meeting, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, when they will be entertained by the one and only Elvis.

Steve Lindsey has performed Elvis tributes for the past 20 years throughout the United States. Audiences have enjoyed his style, showmanship and superb voice as he delivers favorite tunes. Although Steve's repertoire goes beyond impersonating Elvis, the demand for Elvis exceeds all others. A Texas Instruments retiree, Steve is married to Susan Lindsay and lives in Richardson.

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## Services at St. Luke's

### Sunday Eucharists

- 7:30 a.m. Rite I *in the Chapel*
- 10:00 a.m. Rite II *in the Church*
- 12:30 p.m. Spanish Language Eucharist *in the Chapel*
- 6:00 p.m. Rite II *in the Chapel*

### Weekday Eucharists

- WEDNESDAY
- 6:30 a.m. Rite II *in the Chapel*
- THURSDAY
- Noon Rite II with Unction *In the Chapel*

## Sept. Activities by Event

- Brotherhood of St. Andrew** – 8:00 am, Saturday, Sept. 20, in Harman Hall.
- C. S. Lewis Book Group** – 6:30 pm, Monday, Sept. 15.
- Diocesan OSL Prayer & Worship** – 9:30-11:00 am, Saturday, Sept. 6, in the Healing Center.
- Evangeline Deadline** – Monday, Sept. 15 for the October issue.
- EYE (Energetic Young Episcopalians)** – 6:30-8:00 pm, Friday, Sept. 19. Bowling.
- Fall Christian Education Begins** – 11:15 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 14.
- Greeters Fellowship** – 6:30 pm, Thursday, September 4.
- Holy Days** – Sept. 15, Holy Cross Day; Sept. 22, St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist; Sept. 29, St. Michael and All Angels.
- Healing Prayer Teams Are Available** – 6:30-7:30 pm, Mondays, Sept. 15, 22, & 29, in the Healing Center.
- Labor Day** – Monday, Sept. 1. The church office will be closed.
- Michaelsen "Evening in the Courtyard" Dinner** – 6:00-8:00 pm, Saturday, Sept. 27.
- Ministry Fair** – 11:15-12:15, Sunday, Sept. 7.
- Sandwich Ministry** – 9:30 am, Thursday, Sept. 25.
- Savvy Seniors** – 6:30 pm, Thursday, Sept. 18, in Harman Hall.
- Soaking Prayer** – 6:30 pm, Monday, Sept. 8, in the Healing Center.
- Ultreya** – 6:30 pm, Sunday, September 21.
- Vestry Meeting** – 12:30 pm, Sunday, Sept. 21, in Room 205.
- Women's Bible Study** – 6:30 pm, Monday, Sept. 8 & 22.

## Weekly Events

### Sundays

- Coffee Time** – 11:15 am in Harman Hall.
- Christian Education**
  - Adults** – 11:30 am -12:15 pm.
  - Children & Youth (EYC)** – 11:15 am -12:15 pm.
- All Christian Education classes** are in recess Aug. 24 & 31.
- St. Clare's Guild** –2:00 pm in the Conference Room.

### Tuesdays

- Sunday Leaflet Announcements** – are due by noon. E-mail to [jmoore@stlukesdallas.org](mailto:jmoore@stlukesdallas.org).

### Wednesdays

- Intercessory Prayer** – 7:30-8:30 am in the Healing Center.

- Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30-9:00 pm

### Thursdays

- Women's Bible Study** – 11:15 am in the Conference Room.

### Fridays

- MSG (Men's Small Group) Bible Study** – 7:15-8:15 am in the Conference Room.

## Lot's Wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

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# St. Luke's Fall Activities

## Activities for All

### Reception for Fr. Odom Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 7  
11:15-12:15 a.m.  
In Harman Hall & the Courtyard

### Wednesday Family Night

Every Wednesday,  
October 1 - November 19  
6:00 p.m. for dinner  
6:30-7:30 p.m. for adult and  
children's programs  
In Harman Hall & classrooms  
(See article on page 6)

### International Evening in the Courtyard

benefiting the Michaelsen  
Memorial Fund  
Saturday, September 27  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Habitat for Humanity

Home Framing  
Saturday, September 6

### Parish Workday

Saturday, October 25

### Men's Dove Hunt

Saturday-Sunday, October 10-12  
Brownwood 4-H Center

### St. Luke's Day Celebrated & Confirmation

Sunday, October 12

### Diocesan Convention

Friday-Saturday, October 17-18  
Southfork Ranch  
(Clayton Elder will be ordained  
Deacon at 9:00 a.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup>.)

### Parish Movie Night

Saturday, October 18

## Activities for All

### Foyer Groups

Monthly in members' homes  
October-June  
Sign-up at the Ministry Fair or  
any time during September

### Savvy Seniors

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd-numbered  
months  
6:30-9:00 p.m.  
In Harman Hall

## Study Groups

### Christian Education for Adults, Youth & Children

Sundays, 11:15 - 12:15

### Christian Healing

OSL Training  
Saturdays on various dates  
10:00-11:30 a.m.  
MacNutt Level I Training  
Saturdays on various dates  
1:00-2:30 p.m.

### Women's Bible Class

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
In the Conference Room

### C. S. Lewis Book Group

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
6:30 p.m.  
In members' homes

### Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 11:15-12:15 a.m.  
In the Conference Room

### Men's Small Group Bible Study

Fridays, 7:15-8:15 a.m.  
In the Conference Room

## Ministries

### Ultreya

Monthly on Sundays  
6:30 p.m.  
In members' homes

### St. Clare's Guild

### Needlepoint and Shawl Ministry

Sundays, 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
In the Conference Room

### Soaking Prayer

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
**Prayer Teams Are Available**  
the remaining Mondays  
6:30 p.m.  
In the Healing Center  
(See article on page 4)

### Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays  
7:30-9:30 p.m.  
In the Choir Room

### Greeters

First Thursday of each month,  
Beginning September 4  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
In members' homes

### Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Third Saturday of each month  
8:00-9:30 a.m.  
In Harman Hall

### Daughters of the King

Saturdays on various dates  
9:00 a.m.  
In the Bride's Room

## Beautification Day September 20

Two parish events have been scheduled which the Building and Grounds Committee feel warrant some attention before they take place. Our annual Michaelson Fundraiser event is scheduled for September 27 and the Contemporary Service will soon relaunch.

Some of our flower beds and landscaping need attention. The Landscape Committee is asking that you join them in doing some clean up and refurbishing of the various plantings around the church. The hot summer has taken its toll and we need to give some areas first aid treatment.



The other area that needs attention is the chapel. It really needs a good house cleaning that includes vacuuming the pew cushions and giving the pews a good polish. The chapel is being used more and more as a worship space and also as a venue for various music and artistic activities.

The whole campus is taking on a new dimension of renewal and refurbishing as we wrap up the various projects that have taken place in the sanctuary. However, this throws out an additional challenge to our parish family to keep other areas attractive and in good repair. This event does not count as our Fall Parish Work Day. That will come later in the fall, when we can do more in the line of pruning, planting the flower beds with fall and winter plantings, etc.

Join us on **September 20 from 8:00 am to noon**. We will start off with coffee and goodies and then tackle the tasks at hand. We will have a sign up sheet available beginning September 7 for this event. If you have questions, contact Gayle Riddle or Russel Young.

## The Center for Christian Healing Schedule For 2008-2009



The Center for Christian Healing diocesan ministry has begun meetings on the first Saturday of each month from 10-11:30 AM for all who have an interest in the healing ministry. The Center is located on the campus of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 5923 Royal Lane, Dallas 75230. The meetings include discussion of articles and books on healing, sharing of experiences both personal and out of our various prayer ministries and prayer for the needs of each other in small groups. These regular meetings are intended to offer support for those in healing ministry as well as to provide an opportunity for study and personal growth.

On Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a thirteen week course developed by the International Order of St. Luke the Physician that studies and discusses twenty-six healing accounts found in the New Testament. The course is scheduled for 10-11:30 AM. We will also begin the Level I School of Healing Prayer, a thirteen week course developed by Francis and Judith MacNutt. The MacNutt Level I course will also begin on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, and is scheduled for 1-2:30 PM. Both course offerings will conclude on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. There is no charge other than the cost of the study manuals. The Reverend Jack Sheffield, regional director of the Order of St. Luke, will induct into the Order those who desire to become members upon completion of the courses and the required readings.

The monthly meetings and the two course offerings provide the opportunity to study and discuss the place of healing in Christ's church in the light of our Scriptures and in the experience of fellow Christians. What does Jesus mean in John 14:12 when He tells his followers "those who believe in me will do the things that I do"? Does He not mean that we are to be His instruments of healing in this world that He came to redeem?

The Center will continue to offer a time of quiet prayer with sacred music and readings, called Soaking Prayer, on the first Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, and on all other Mondays (also 6:30 to 7:30 PM) individuals may come to the Center without an appointment for prayer with experienced teams. Individual prayer appointments may be scheduled at other times by calling 214.368.6304 extension 22. Further information about the Saturday meetings and the course offerings may be obtained by calling the number listed above or by going to the web site [www.CenterforChristianHealing.org](http://www.CenterforChristianHealing.org).

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## Bring Your Gifts to Church A Note from Your Senior Warden

I remember as a kid after Christmas always taking my favorite Christmas gifts over to my friends' houses to show and play with them together. It was mutual as my friends would do the same when they would come over to my house. History repeats itself at our house when my kids play together with their gifts with their friends and cousins at Christmas time.

I believe that God gives each of us gifts and wants us to take them to our friends and community to do his work. God gives us gifts that we can use to help him grow his church. An example is my wife, Mary Jane, who has a real talent for arranging flowers that I do not have at all. She enjoys helping to make new flower arrangements from the altar flowers to take to parishioners that need to know that St. Luke's is

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## 2008-09 Series

The St. Luke's Music Ministry is very pleased to announce the second season of the Michaelson Music & Arts Series. This series, kindly sponsored by the Michaelson fund and by individual donations made at each event, strives to promote music and the arts for the St. Luke's parish family and the community, as well as encourage fellowship during the wine and cheese receptions.

We have an exciting series planned! Like last year, we'll have Choral Evensongs sung by the All Saints choir as well as the St. Luke's Music Event, which highlights the talents of our very own family and friends. We'll also have organ recitals by Susan De Kam and her husband, Jason Alden, and a chamber music recital with instrumentalists from Southern Methodist University.

We hope you'll join us for some or all of these wonderful events. They're a great chance for you to fellowship outside of Sunday morning worship and also to bring a friend who might not normally visit St. Luke's.

## Mid-Year Treasurer's Report

Our budget for the year 2008 was prepared on the conservative side, in anticipation of losing our Interim Rector and then, with God's help, installing a new Rector some time in the second half of the year.

Our overall plan seems to be proceeding, and our financial position is actually better than budgeted for the first half. Our collections are ahead of budget so far, although a bit below those in 2007. At the same time expense controls have been very effective, resulting in a healthy overall surplus for the first six months, with all indicators pointing to another good month in July. Thank you for your help in achieving this result.

Our capital improvements came in under budget, and they have been completed and fully funded with our new loan. We actually have a nice reserve for further improvements in the coming months of this year.

Looking forward to Father Odom's arrival, we will begin planning for 2009 and kicking off our annual Stewardship Campaign this Fall. We hope to rekindle and expand our ministries in 2009 and ask you to begin thinking and praying over your family's participation in these activities and in stewardship as we grow with our new Rector.

— Mike Richardson, Treasurer

## Adult Christian Education

Starting off this fall we will have two Sunday morning adult classes:

### Joe Morrison's Bible study in the Healing Center.

Joe has not yet chosen the topic but we know he will provide his usual moving spiritual insights along with some humor.



### Clayton Elder's class in Harman Hall.

It's that time of year again when our budding teens stand before God and actively commit themselves to Christ.

But, that's only the first part of the story. Please join Clayton as he helps us to understand "Who We Are and What We Do" as followers of Christ.

## Bring Your Gifts *(continued from page 4)*

thinking about them. When we use our gifts for God it does not seem like work. It is more like sharing our gifts with others and it is easy and rewarding for everyone.

Our St. Luke's Rally Day and Ministry Fair is September 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope that we will have a great turnout to meet our new Rector, Father Robert Odom, and that everyone will bring their gifts of talent from God to help us here at church. Your Vestry has been contacting the leaders of our ministries here at St. Luke's and there

is not one ministry that has told us that they are overstaffed. In fact every organization can use new workers to help to do God's work here at church and in our community.

We need new volunteers for Altar Guild, Ushers, Teachers, Musicians and workers for every Ministry that is active at St. Luke's. Please think and pray about the gifts that God has given you and come to our Rally Day ready to meet with the leaders of our ministries to see how you

and your family can be more involved by sharing your gifts here at St. Luke's. God tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive and sharing God's gifts with others is what we are all called to do. Let's make September 7 the start of a new season of our involvement with St. Luke's as we work together to do God's work with our new Rector.

In Christ,  
Gerry Dahlander

# Children & Youth Ministry

Sunday School Kick-Off September 14<sup>th</sup>!

## Teachers for the Fall

- PreK-K: Kay Mike and Jean Mueller  
1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>: Bobbie Melugin and Erika Dooley  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Mary Jo Wilt and Katlyn Rateau

## EYC

**September 21, 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.**

Lunch at Gazebo and Service Project for College Students

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## Italian Evening in the Courtyard

Saturday, September 27, 2008 ✦ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come and celebrate the fun, music and food of an Italian evening with family and friends! Russel Young and his "chefs" are returning with their famous Italian pasta station along with the "pièce de resistance" GELATO — a fabulous Italian dessert!

Tickets go on sale Sunday, August 31 in the breezeway after the 10:00 a.m. service. Invite your friends to share the fellowship of St. Luke's and enjoy dinner in the Courtyard under the stars! Mark your calendars and see you there! Thank you for your generosity and support of the Michaelson Memorial Fund which supports the Youth, the Fine Arts Committee and the Michaelson Music and Art Series!

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## September Birthdays

*(Sept 4)* Nick Russell, Jr, Jim Farnsworth *(Sept 5)* Lindy Matthews, Allen Dee, Zachary Nowell, Clayton Elder *(Sept 6)* Wayne Cole *(Sept 7)* Nancy Moore, Mariloly Chavez *(Sept 8)* Evelyn McCaffrey, Zakir Nakhoda, Ashley Mueller *(Sept 9)* Curtis Henry, Jason Young *(Sept 10)* Zein Nakhoda *(Sept 11)* Mary Margaret Dahlander, Dee Miller, Scott Smith, Stratton Mann, Isabella Macey, John Gravenkemper *(Sept 12)* Veronica Kribs-Zaleta, Duane Roth, Erika Dooley *(Sept 13)* Elizabeth Castleberry, Nina Woods, Francine Bruggers *(Sept 14)* Syl Alford II *(Sept 15)* Betty Doughty, Ginger Curtis, Esther Verges, Grace Verges *(Sept 16)* Sandra Meullen, Jim Rain, Betty Clo Jarrell, Marti Sewell, Jamie Fletcher, Betsy Bloodworth *(Sept 17)* Ellen Bengston *(Sept 18)* Carol Anderson-Guthrie *(Sept 19)* Joe Jurlina, Karen Needham, Jo Drewry, Frank Winspear *(Sept 21)* Sarah Jane Massie, Jim Carlo *(Sept 22)* Forrest Boaz *(Sept 26)* Charlene Lauderdale, Alexis Kerman *(Sept 28)* Billie Jurlina *(Sept 30)* David Whiting, Ellen Winspear

## September Anniversaries

*(Sept 1)* David & Susan Fixler *(Sept 4)* Dan & Tee Wilson, David & Patti Mitchell *(Sept 5)* Bob & Jo English, Craig & Katie Lengyel *(Sept 6)* Allen & Maribeth Dee *(Sept 8)* Kristen & Dennis LaCroix *(Sept 13)* Nick & Kay Kerman Back *(Sept 19)* Spencer & Brenda Lengyel *(Sept 22)* David & Carolyn Carroll, Jr *(Sept 24)* Gerry & Mary Jane Dahlander *(Sept 26)* Joe & Donna Wright

## What's Up with the Youth Ministry?

Change is never an easy thing. St. Luke's has been blessed by many great Youth leaders in the past few years, but the constant change in this vital ministry has not allowed it to grow and flourish. The Clergy and Vestry will be taking our time to evaluate and seek God's direction for our Junior and Senior High Youth.

In the interim, Sarah Head, Director of Children's and Family Ministries, will serve as part-time Director of Youth Ministry. History shows that the highest effectiveness in Youth Ministry is when there is leadership from the local community and from the parents. If you would like to help, please contact Sarah Head at [shead@stlukesdallas.org](mailto:shead@stlukesdallas.org).

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## Coming soon, St. Luke's new Contemporary Service!

Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Luke's will offer a worship service that is rooted in our Christian tradition, relevant to our current culture, and centered around building a relationship with and in Jesus Christ through prayer and worship, proclamation and study, and fellowship and service to our neighbor.

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## Wednesday Nights Return

Wednesday evenings will again soon be filled with exciting activities to deepen our spiritual lives and community ties. The evening meal and studies are a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioner who you might not normally see. Adult Studies, Children's Choir, and Children's discipleship activities will be held following a Fellowship Meal each Wednesday beginning October 1 and will continue to November 19. Reservations will be required for the Fellowship Meal and can be made online or by calling the church office. See the web site for more information.

## NDSM – Volunteers Needed

“North Dallas Shared Ministries (NDSM) always needs more volunteers,” states their Administrative Assistant. And, St. Luke’s has supported this ministry for many years. Since their inception in 1983, when local congregations organized the ministry, volunteers have led to the success of this charitable assistance program. NDSM’s mission has always been to provide assistance for persons in need while promoting a sense of self-respect and responsibility. Their ultimate goal of all programs is to help clients help themselves.

NDSM operates with only one paid administrative assistant, more than 500 volunteers, very low overhead, and all within a 20,000 square foot building that they own debt-free. They rely on these volunteer staff members to make its operations possible.

I recently had the opportunity and pleasure to have a personal and in-depth guided tour of the facility and to view the operation first-hand. Wow!! What a treat to see this extremely well organized ministry. They provide emergency assistance services that include: food and hygiene items, financial aid, medical care, clothing, and eye exams and glasses. NDSM also offers employment counseling and English as a Second Language to encourage the development of personal responsibility.

How can we help? Volunteer positions available include:

Client Interviewers	Van Drivers
Pantry Workers	Clothes Closet Workers
Job Counselors	Physicians
Computer Workers	Nurses, PAs, NPs
ESL Teachers	Translators
Receptionists	Clerical Assistants

The Emergency Aid Center is open day, evening and weekend hours to accommodate the needs of their clients.

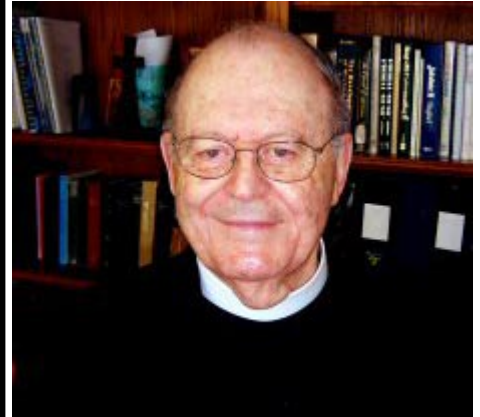
Please join in this effort to help NDSM positively impact the lives of so many people each day. It is a way to have fun and still be able to reach out and touch others. In Galatians, Paul writes, “whenever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

NDSM says, “HELP US HELP THEM”.

For additional information, stop by the NDSM table during the Ministry Fair on September 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. services. And see their website, [www.ndsm.org](http://www.ndsm.org).

– Eileen Alford

## A Letter from Dean Wiles



August 17, 2008

To My Beloved People of St. Luke's, My 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was blessed by the surprise visitation of the clergy and lay staff of the parish, but the crowning gift was the signatures on my huge and musical cards!!

What a grand and loving gesture and a symbol of why I love the St. Luke's family! I can only say -

Psalm 121 "From whence cometh my help?" My help comes from the Lord who makes his will known in the Eucharist and in faithful people of God - like you!!

The staff at the Forum tells me your prayers have wrought wonders. I can now walk cautiously and very carefully.

God bless and keep you always,

C. Preston and Mary Wiles



Habitat's framing project will begin Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar! Volunteers are needed to bend some nails and raise the roof for another needy family.

Please contact: Larry Browndyke at (972) 239-4200, home, or (972) 241-3545, office.



# The Evangeline

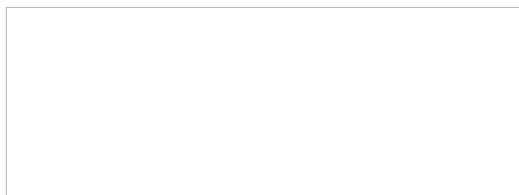
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## Hispanic Ministry

On Sunday, July 27, the St. Luke's Hispanic Ministry welcomed several new members into the Body of Christ as Fr. Alfredo Williams baptized seven children and youths and administered eight first communions at the 12:30 Holy Eucharist.



*Baptized were ....*

Valerie Beltran, Viviana Beltran, Emely Beltran,  
Melissa Beltran, Luis Angel Marquez, Denise Marquez,  
Michael Marquez

*First Communion were ....*

Belen Parra, Brenda Parra, Selene Reyes, Stephanie Reyes,  
William Reyes, Jose Montenegro, Sanjuana Sanchez,  
Melissa Beltran

