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Upper Room Disciplines A Book of Daily Devotions

Psalm 124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Do you ever find yourself desperately praying for help? Do you ever feel like you need God to be on your side or you simply won't survive? David served as the king of Israel, God's chosen leader. He wrote Psalm 124 expressing how faithful God is in times of great challenge. It's important to name God's faithfulness to us in seasons of difficulty.

Our enemies are not always soldiers at war. We have silent enemies too. Fear, addiction, and isolation are enemies that war within us while we cry out for release. Although grief is a normal and healthy response to loss, it can also be overwhelming as waves of it overshadow our days. And even in the face of these situations, God is present and working with us. God is walking through the valleys and dangers and fear with us. God never gives us up to the enemies that seek to destroy. In our baptismal vows we say that we "accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves." That vow reminds us that God is ever present. And in the depths of our battles, the Lord will not let us go. In Christ, we have power to resist.

The song, "Rescue" by Lauren Daigle expresses the depths and heights to which God will go to bring us out of destructive circumstances or to find us when we have walked down paths that do not lead us home. My favorite line in the song is:

*I will send out an army to find you
in the middle of the darkest night.*

God never abandons us, never stops searching for us. That is why we can say with confidence, "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth."

Whenever you are feeling engulfed or overwhelmed by a difficult circumstance, try praying through Psalm 124 and naming the specific situations and difficulties when God has been at your side, guiding you through overwhelming challenges.



The Fall Fest Committee has announced that we will have Fall Fest this year.

Saturday, November 13

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fall Fest will consist of the Silent Auction, Bake Shop and a boxed lunch.

We are exploring creative ways to have Fall Fest this year online as well as in person if possible.

More details to come.



United Methodist Women General Meeting

Tuesday, October 5 • 10:00 a.m.

Bring a sack lunch & water and dessert will be provided.

Guest Speaker:

Brenda Sanders-Wilson

Ms. Sanders-Wilson is a descendent of Major Cheney. She will share the history of Major Cheney, for whom Major Cheney Elementary School is named for and the impact on education in our community.

There will be an update on the new Cheney Hills Elementary School that opened this fall.

St. Luke United Methodist Church has supported the Backpack Ministry at Major Cheney Elementary School, so everyone is welcome to attend and hear about all of the new changes.



Children's Sunday School classes have been cancelled until further notice.



Sunday Worship, September 26

It was a blessing to have the Chancel Choir perform *Heavenly Sunlight* during worship this past Sunday!



PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE CHANGED OUR NAME ON FACEBOOK & YOU TUBE:

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for In-Person Worship or via our Facebook page or YouTube.com:

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***Sunday, October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday***

Youth & Adult Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance

Adult Bible Study • September 22 - 10

Sunday, September 26, 2021

St. Luke UMC—10:30 a.m.

Sunday School—64

In-Person Worship—48

Online Worship—303

French Worship Service—2:00 p.m.

In-person Worship—35



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Continued Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Anne Pharis; Scott Paris; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Doris Mobley's son, Don; Marilyn Smith's cousin, Kim Masters; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Vicki Kovar; Hilaire Lukalema; Lisel Richardson's Aunt Vicki; Leslie Duncan's aunt, Ruth Smith; Joyce Hejl's brother & sister-in-law, Mike & Marianne Hejl; Sam & Ann Kiker; Judy White; Patty Tucker; Ross & Betty Longeway; Howard & Kara Schwope & their family; Sandra Mason; Pastor Ditu's sisters, Ruth & Marie; Wynelle Hencke; Byron Lechler; Betty Holshouser; Bill & Roberta Reeves; Dena Hughes; Peggy Fallin; Marilyn Smith; Sarah Harris' husband, Tom; George & Karen Angle's sister-in-law; Norm & Betty Turnage; Lydia Acosta's daughter, Donna & her husband, Alfred; George Conant; Carolyn Hodge; Art Gordon; Martha Smith; Jane West; family of Cathy Henderson; Linda Smith; David Ellis; Bill Worthington; Maureen Carr; Leslie Duncan; George & Karen Angle's daughter-in-law; Gloria Bailey with the loss of her husband, Glen; families of the military who died in Kabul; George & Mary Paris' sister, Jackie; Karen Angle's sister-in-law, Debbie Biles; Bill & Deana Hoffman & family with the loss Bill's mother, Maxine Hoffman; family of Charles Kenneth Ashley; David & Kay Stapp; Amy West's sister, Sharon Dobbs

This Week's Concerns: Bill Hood; Joe & Betty Crawford; Ruby Lane; Lydia Acosta; Linda Wills' parents; those affected by Hurricane Nicholas & Ida; the people of Haiti; the people of Afghanistan; those affected by wild-fires; prayers for our nation; all of those affected by COVID-19; our first responders, doctors, nurses, essential employees & frontline workers

Military: Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Sam Burnett; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox



***Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Book of Galatians
October 6 • 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
We invite you to join us.***

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

EMMANUEL CLASS:

There were 10 present for class on Sunday with Roxie continuing her lesson from last week. We wish to thank Mark, Randy and our choir members for being a part of the worship service on Sunday, it was a beautiful blessing. It was good to hear that Bill Worthington is doing better. Our prayer concerns this week is Joe Crawford, Ruby Lane, Lydia Acosta and we hope that Roxie can get her surgery scheduled very soon.

GENESIS CLASS:

DeeDee was in Arizona while attending the wedding of her niece. Karan is enjoying life in her new neighborhood as she is meeting lots of new people. Terry has been working on lots of things on his to do list. He had quite the set up trying to reach high places. Claudia is returning to the elementary classroom for a couple days each week. She will be tutoring struggling students in math, trying to help them catch up from the losses experienced due to the pandemic. The Jones' and Wommack's are off on their great adventure to Vermont. If anyone has news they would like shared, please don't hesitate to email or text Claudia with additions for the next class connection. Let's continue to keep the Hoffman's in our prayers. Bill's mother's service was Friday in Wichita Falls. I know many of us have concerns and worries on our hearts. God hears our silent as well as spoken prayers. Keep our travelers in our prayers. As always we pray for our church family, the front line workers, first responders, our military, our leaders and our nation.

NEW COVENANT CLASS:

This Sunday we watched session 5 and next week will be the last in this series, *The Walk*. We thank Mel for his recommendation. Several prayer concerns were mentioned. Susan asked for special prayers for family members going through troubles. Larry was able to celebrate with his dad this past week, on his 99th birthday! Happy Birthday, Dad. Hope to see you all next week. A birdie said the Johnson's may be back in town as well.

PARTNERS IN FAITH CLASS:

We had very few members in class this week, so they all missed Bonnie's enticing array of food choices. Thanks, Bonnie. We missed everyone who couldn't come. Beverly Moulton's Dad fell Saturday night but is okay now. Linda Wills' parents are having a few health problems each. Please keep these dear ones and the caregivers in your prayers. In study class, we continued the story of Esther's heroism. God's plan put Esther in that place and time in history in order to rescue His chosen people, proving again the Lord moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. Have a safe week and may God bless.
Snacks next Sunday: Beverly Moulton

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Thirteen members were in attendance Sunday. Virgil and Ann were back from their trip but they will be here for a few Sundays before another trip. We continued our study of Luke and will start with chapter 23, verse 35. If you didn't attend church you missed a presentation of the choir that sang a beautiful hymn, that was enjoyed by all. Happy Birthday to Betty Ann Carter on Thursday, October 7 and Bill Whisenant on Monday, October 11.
Devotional: Jack Bostick
Refreshments: Gail LaRue



Holy Communion Sunday, October 3

This Sunday during our online worship service we will be offering communion. Please have your elements ready so that you can participate.



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers, they made my day, many days actually. Miss you all so much! Love to you all.

Jo Wommack



Changes Coming to the Youth Activities Schedule

Our youth are now meeting every
Sunday afternoon from
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for fellowship.



Please continue your financial support of the church for it is now more important than ever. You may mail your offering to the church office or give online through our website, www.st-luke-umc.net, or mail checks through your online banking programs.

Thank you for your continued support of
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Sunday Services: In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

French Worship Service: In-person and Online Worship • 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.

NEWS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU:

NEWSLETTER ONLINE AT:

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Sunday, October 3, 2021
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Youth Activities

Monday, October 4, 2021

9:00 a.m. Newsletter **DEADLINE**

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

10:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 7, 2021

6:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Friday, October 8, 2021

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, October 9, 2021

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, October 10, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. French Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Youth Activities



Youth News:



Hey everyone! Hope everyone is doing good! I wanted to say something I put on Facebook. Everyone is going through something and is in need of prayer. So let's all just love each other. Isn't the world a better place with love? We talk a lot about "choices." You can choose to be kind or be mean. Being kind is such a wonderful feeling. When you are mean to someone, doesn't it make you feel sick inside? When you argue, or fight? How many times do you remember what started the fight? How many times do we have some silly fight over "nothing" and turn it into "something?" Just to be right about something? Listen kids, life is too short. Always find the good in a situation. If you walk into negativity, do a U-Turn and walk away. Some people feed off negativity. Life is so much better with peace, kindness and love. No, it doesn't keep bad things from happening or sad things. But it sure does make it easier on a daily basis! Jesus said "Love one another." So...let's do! Please keep the Myrick family in your prayers as their uncle is very ill in the hospital. Just a reminder we are having Youth Activities on Sundays at 5pm-7pm. Hope you have a wonderful week and I'll see you all Sunday!

Love you all! Lisel