

PREACHING ON THE BAYOU: Living our Baptism
Speaker: Dr. Karoline M. Lewis (Tuesday)
St. Paul Lutheran Church
2021 Tara Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808
January 23-25, 2023

Create your own Personal Retreat before and after the presentations on Tuesday

Pick and choose from a variety of options unique to Baton Rouge as you remember your baptism and explore the gifts of discipleship. (See schedule on reverse.)

Live among God's faithful people

- Create your own ritual to renew your baptism as you pause at the Mississippi River
 - Good Riverfront viewing access point: Rotary sculpture at Florida St. & River Rd.
- Gather with colleagues for support and fun
- Explore downtown Baton Rouge. Walk along the Mississippi River. Visit the beautiful and historical downtown churches including:
 - Mt Zion First Baptist Church: Historic site where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. learned about the successful Baton Rouge bus boycott in 1954 by African-Americans under the leadership of Rev. T. J. Jemison, 356 T. J. Jemison Blvd.
 - St. Joseph Cathedral, 401 Main St.
 - First United Methodist Church, 930 North Blvd.
 - St. James Episcopal Church, 205 N. 4th St.

Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper

- Visit Tam Bao Buddhist Temple (10 minutes from St. Paul). Walk in their garden. Be still in their Meditation Hall. Be mindful.
 - Tam Bao Temple, 975 Monterrey Blvd.
- Grab a book and discover a cozy spot at one of our award-winning libraries. Check out:
 - Main Library: 7711 Goodwood Blvd.
 - Downtown: River Center Branch Library: 250 North Blvd.
 - Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library, 9200 Bluebonnet Blvd. (near Bluebonnet Swamp)

Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

- Proclaim the good news with a creative expression of your faith. Arrange to take an art class with the Mid-City Artisans. Explore the art galleries and funky shops on Government St.
 - Mid-City Artisans, 516 Moore St.; website: www.mid-cityartisans.com

Serve all people following the example of Jesus

- Be kind and loving to all you encounter
- Renew your body's energy with some exercise at one of the parks of BREC, a National Gold-medal winner in Parks and Recreation. Take some time to play pickleball, hike, climb the rock wall, meander through the Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center, or have a picnic. See BREC website: www.brec.org
- Walk or jog around the LSU lakes; visit Mike the Tiger near LSU stadium

Strive for justice and peace in all the earth

- Explore the life of the 18-19th century rural life and the impact of slavery with a visit to the LSU Rural Life Museum. Wander through 32 historic outbuildings spread over 25 acres. Plan on about 2 hours for your visit.
 - LSU Rural Life Museum, 4560 Essen Lane; Hours: 8 am – 5 pm; Admission charged
- Deepen your understanding of the Civil Rights Movement with a visit to the Capitol Park Museum. Learn more about history of the enslaved Africans in Louisiana. Watch a brief film describing the Baton Rouge bus boycott launched on June 19-24, 1954. Learn as did Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. about the impact of a bus boycott to bring change to a community and a country.
 - Capitol Park Museum, 660 N.4th St.: Admission: \$7
- Visit the Louisiana State Capitol, the tallest capitol in the US with its 34 floors. Enjoy a spectacular view from the Observation Deck on the 27th floor. Wander through the capitol gardens.
 - Louisiana State Capitol, 900 North Third St.

Overview of Schedule

Mon. January 23	10:00 am	Let Go & Re-set: Spiritual Practices for YOU (<i>optional</i>) <i>Led by Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade</i>
	Noon	Lunch (on own); Settle into your hotel; Explore Baton Rouge
	3:30 pm	Opening Reception at St. Paul Lutheran Church
	5:00 pm	Compline
	6:00 pm	Dinner (on own)
Tues. January 24	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:00 am	Presentation #1: <i>Led by: Karoline M. Lewis</i>
	Noon	Lunch (provided at the church)
	1:00 pm	Presentation #2: <i>Led by: Karoline M. Lewis</i>
	3:30 pm	Benediction Supper and evening (open)
Wed. January 25	9:00 am	Work Session: Prepare and plan for Lent (<i>optional</i>) Work with others or by yourself as you develop a plan for Lent. Depart this retreat with an organized Lenten season.