

Saint Luke UMC

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November 6, 2024



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2024!

Congratulations to **Luke Sindelir, Ryan Sindelir, Hayley Liggett, Carsen Laudate, Drew Liggett, and Ty Phillips**, who were members of this year's Confirmation Class and were confirmed in their faith on Sunday, November 3, 2024 during the 9:00 worship service. We rejoice with the Confirmands and their families on this happy occasion and pray that God will bless them as they continue on their faith journeys. Many thanks to those who served as mentors this year: **Chan and Jennifer Bryant, Buck and Katie Harris, and John and Teresa Maness**, and special thanks to the **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group** for making the Confirmation stoles which were given to each Confirmand. The stoles were knitted using the Trinity stitch, and a cross was knitted into each stole. The Confirmation classes were led by Preacher Eddie and Pastor Charlotte. On Sunday night the Confirmands were treated to a celebration dinner at Elizabeth's Pizza, and on Tuesday, they concluded their Confirmation activities with a field trip to the Methodist Building in Garner, the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh, and to Duke University Chapel in Durham. See page 5 for pictures.



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Pastor Weekend Emergency On-Call Schedule (984-977-1798)

November 8-9: Rev. Jim Rogers

November 15-16: Rev. Eddie Hill

Church Office Hours: 8:00—4:30 Monday-Thursday. Closed on Fridays.



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**Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events**



November 6—November 13, 2024

Wednesday, November 6

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
- 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
- 5:45 pm WNL Fellowship Dinner—Davenport CLC
- 6:30 pm WNL Class: Questions—Room #221/223
- 6:30 pm WNL Class: Upper Room—Room #225
- 6:30 pm WNL Class: Old Testament—
Room #227
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Thursday, November 7

- 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #222/224
- 1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #232
- 1:30 pm Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion
- 6:00 pm Jesus with a Twist—Libations
(139 Chatham Street)

Sunday, November 10

- 8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
- 9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
- 9:30 am Friends In Christ Class—Room #232
- 9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones—Room #222/224
- 9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter—Room #235
- 10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
- 3:15 pm Children's Choir—Room #229
- 4:00 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
- 4:00 pm JAM—Room #116/118 and DCLC
- 4:00 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, November 11—Veterans Day

- 10:30 am Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group—
Rooms #232 and #231
- 12:00 pm UWIF Circle #2—Elizabeth's Pizza
- 12:00 pm UWIF Circle #8—Room #222/224
- 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting—Conference Room

Tuesday, November 12

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Finance Meeting—Room #222/224

Wednesday, November 13

- 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group—Rm #232
- 5:45 pm WNL Fellowship Dinner—Davenport CLC
- 6:30 pm WNL Class: Questions—Room #221/223
- 6:30 pm WNL Class: Upper Room—Room #225
- 6:30 pm WNL Class: Old Testament—
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Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for November 10, 2024

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Hebrews 9:24-28
Psalms 127 or Psalm 42	Mark 12:38-44



*Flower
Donations*

The flowers in the Williams Lobby on Sunday, November 10 will be given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Wilson on her birthday, November 8, by her girls, Kim Littrell, Jonanne Lohr, and Paige Law.

If you'd like to place flowers in one of our worship spaces in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion, please contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.

BREAKFAST



**SCHEDULE CHANGE
for November and December!**

Please join us on the
FIRST AND THIRD Wednesdays
at 7 am in November and December!
Meeting dates are: 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18.
Cost is \$7.
Regular schedule resumes in January.

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“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” -1 Thessalonians 5:11

I'm thankful for the light bringers. The ones that fill your life with the good, good stuff. The ones who somehow just make you feel better when you're in their presence, the ones who make your heart rate go down, and the corners of your mouth go up. The ones you spend time with, and somehow just know deep down that your life is better because they are in it. The ones who show up for you, the ones who encourage you, the ones who build you up, and the ones who remind you of good people. They truly do exist. Search for those people. Seek out those people. Be intentional about creating relationships with those people. And most importantly, be grateful for those people. Their presence in your life? It's no coincidence. They were hand-selected for you, and you for them. The light bringers: the life givers. You'll know when you find them. Just don't let go once you do.

Find your people. I don't mean your "I am good. How have you been?" people. I mean your "I don't have to ask because I just know something is wrong" kind of people. Not the kind of people who once they see you in the trenches, they stand up on the sidelines and ask if you need help. Nope. You want the kind of people who will crawl down in the trenches with you. Through the yuck and through the muck. The ones who don't mind getting dirty, if it means just being by your side. Those are the kind of people I want you to find. The ones who, when everything else falls to pieces, and the world is getting loud around you, will help extinguish the fires. You want the ones who will love you and stand by you. On the days when you are yourself and, on the days, when you are not. During the seasons of thriving and the seasons of surviving. Don't stop until you find your people. The people who cause you to look up, smile, and say, "Thanks, God. You knew I needed them, didn't you?"

God has been lavish in His gift of light bringers in my life. I am awed and amazed at the people He has placed in my life at the most perfect times. People who not only share my passion for Jesus, but people who have loved me through the joys and sorrows, who have held me together, and spoken truth in love. I don't take one of them for granted because I know they were an answer to prayer. They are the glue that binds through the tough times in His glory.

Find the life givers and thank God for every single one of them. Encourage them and build them up. And pray that through them, Jesus Christ would be glorified and His Kingdom advanced.

Katherine

Remembering All Saints

Saint Luke remembered those who have gone before us in the past year on Sunday, November 3rd. As each name was read, a candle was lit, and a bell was rung in memory of each person. We give thanks to God for those whose lives were remembered on Sunday, and who live on in the hearts of their friends and family.



Pierce Lee Gaddy
January 6, 2024

Stephen Ray Suitt
March 10, 2024

Sara Jane Steinert
March 14, 2024

Larry E. King
April 2, 2024

Dr. Douglas Mitchell Dacko
May 17, 2024

Doris McManus Maynard Cox
June 3, 2024

Anne Chagaris Wilson
June 11, 2024

Gilbert "Hugh" Moore
June 24, 2024

John Max Walker
July 21, 2024

Merritt Lane Foushee
July 28, 2024

Peggy Montgomery Von Canon Wyatt
September 25, 2024

Ellen Bulla Potter
October 15, 2024

Robert Lee "Bob" Knight, Sr.
October 18, 2024

Raj Albert Upadhyaya
October 27, 2024

Many thanks to those who read the names at each service: Bill Towson, Chan and Jennifer Bryant, and Robin Jones; those who rang the bells: Sandra Hancock, Rachel Sindelir, and Leonard Brendel; and those who lit the candles: Phil Bradley and Ty Phillips.



A Thank You from Our Neighbors in McDowell County and Lee County Schools

The following email and attached letter was received from Lee County Schools recently. We thought you'd like to see how much your generosity meant to the McDowell County communities and families that you helped. The photo and excerpt are from the Lee County Schools website.



Good afternoon,

I'm attaching a letter of thanks from McDowell County Schools expressing their gratitude for the donations that you all helped make happen with us here at Lee County Schools.

I know what a generous and supportive community we enjoy here in Sanford, and much of that is thanks to churches like Saint Luke who go the extra mile any time they are aware of a need. This time, the need happened to be in the mountains of McDowell County, and your congregation rose to the occasion yet again.

Patricia Coldren and I delivered the 14-foot trailer full of winter clothing and personal necessities to Nebo Elementary where they sorted all the donations and placed them on tables for the affected families to come and get what they needed. We talked with several of their staff, all who had many stories to share of what their families and community had been through. We were able to listen, encourage, and pray for them before we got back in the truck and headed back to Sanford.

The stories are heartbreaking, but your generosity and support gave us an opportunity to meet a need and provide some encouragement and care for people who have truly been working around the clock for weeks on end to serve their devastated community and bring normal routines to children who still need an opportunity to learn, grow, and be children.

I truly am grateful to live in such a supportive and caring community.

James Alverson, Lee County Schools



"Thanks to generous central office staff and incredible response from St. Luke UMC, Jonesboro Heights Baptist, and Cool Springs Baptist, we were able to drop off a 14-foot trailer full of needed supplies for students and families in McDowell County in less than a week from receiving their list of critical needs. We are thankful to serve and live in a community that supports our schools and is always ready to lend a hand to those who need it. We know when we call, whether it is for students in the mountains or a family in need in our community, you will help us find a way to make it happen. Thanks for showing us Lee County is a place invested in seeing students & families thrive." (From Lee County Schools website)



Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Ms. Coldren and Lee County Schools:

McDowell County cannot express in words adequately, our gratitude for the amazing act of humanity and compassion poured out upon us last Thursday, October 24, 2024. We were so humbled and so grateful for the trailer packed with winter coats, gloves, hats, hygiene products, and even bedding. I understand that this quick response and collection of invaluable resources for the Old Fort Community and some of the other 130 displaced families and students in MCS, came primarily from the Central Office staff at Lee County and your Faith Based Organizations.

Mrs. McCartha and her student services team went right to work getting items laid out by sizes and in kind. By Monday, October 28, 2024 we were able to provide an effective way to distribute all the items and ensure needs were immediately met. The community and families receiving those items truly expressed Christmas had come early. Their smiles and tears spoke volumes as to what their hearts were feeling. We loved seeing students hug their new coats and yes, even be a little silly with the hats and gloves in the current spring like weather. Thanks to Lee County, when Winter does arrive, not one student will know what being cold feels like because he/she lost winter apparel to Helene.

I also want to express how much the impact of your prayers meant before you left Nebo Elementary School. The sincerity of knowing and understanding that sometimes situations call for divine help and support that only the Lord can provide was such a blessing to our soul and being.

Thank you for taking the time to load the trailer, drive to McDowell County, unload, and allow us a few moments to share some stories and triumphs. Lee County was hand extended in a real, tangible way and we will never forget your sacrifice and partnership through this difficult time.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Michelle Baker, Director of Advanced Learning and Differentiation



United Women In Faith

Circle News

Meetings are Monday, November 11th

Circle #2 will meet at 12 noon at Elizabeth's Pizza. Please bring two Thanksgiving cards in stamped envelopes.

Circle #8 will meet at 12:00 pm at the church in Room #222/224. We will not have hostesses this month. Please bring a bagged lunch. Desserts will be provided. Holly Post will give our devotion, and Beverly Suitt will present our program about making boxes for The Magic of Christmas women's event.

We welcome new members!! For more information about United Women in Faith, contact Kathy Jones at 919-770-1158.



If you would like to contribute a devotional to our church's Advent Devotional Booklet for 2024

contact **Susan Laudate**

(mlaudate@windstream.net)

or **Daltina Peele** (dpeele1964@gmail.com)

as soon as possible.

Writers may choose their own scripture. Your devotion will need to be completed and submitted by Monday, November 11th.



Adopt an Angel 22!

We still have 22
angels that need
to be adopted!

All gifts are due by November 17!!

Christmas is coming early this year ... REALLY EARLY! The Salvation Army has screened the families who need Christmas help for their children. There are 1,000 children in Lee County who have been approved for the Angel Tree program. In order to help the Salvation Army process all the gifts in time for distribution, we will have an earlier deadline for the gifts from our Saint Luke donors—**Sunday, November 17th**. It does seem a bit early, but shopping early will free up time for you closer to Christmas. Think of it as a head start to your Christmas shopping! :)

This year Saint Luke will have two Angel Trees. One will be located between the chapel and the sanctuary and the other tree will be downstairs in the Williams Lobby. The trees will be up beginning Sunday, October 27th. With your usual love and care, please choose an angel, log in your information and make Christmas morning joyful for a Lee County child.

Thank you
for showing
the love of
Christ to
our local
children.





November Keenagers

(Men & Women age 65 and up)
 Thursday, November 21st
 12 Noon—Room #222/224

All Keenagers are invited to join us for a delicious lunch and great fellowship! Cost for lunch is \$6. The fun and fellowship are free! Please remember to sign up in Sunday School, on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Monday, November 18th.



Turkey Donations Needed!

The ARK Ministry Team will be cooking and delivering a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving meal to our ARK friends on Sunday, November 24th. **EIGHT frozen turkeys** are needed to help provide this feast. If you'd like to donate a turkey, contact Pat Greybill at 919-999-7632 so she will know to expect your donation. Turkeys are needed by Tuesday, 11/19 to allow time to thaw and prepare them.



Ladies Lunch & Learn

Next Gathering:
 November 20

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Davison's Restaurant
 1724 Westover Drive
 Sanford, NC

Ladies of all ages are encouraged to come and bring a friend!

"PINTS WITH THE PASTOR" MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18!



PINTS WITH THE PASTOR

Invite your friends and join us at 5:30 pm at Camelback Brewing Company (804 Spring Lane) for "Pints with the Pastor." There will be great fellowship and a theological discussion with life application. Men of all ages are welcome!



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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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THANKFUL: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24th at 7 P.M.
We will be having our annual Community Service hosted this year at First Presbyterian (203 Hawkins Ave) reception to follow. Every year several area churches gather to give thanks to God and to gather food for those in need, with the help of the Scouts, Girl Scouts and youth groups. We look forward to seeing you there!



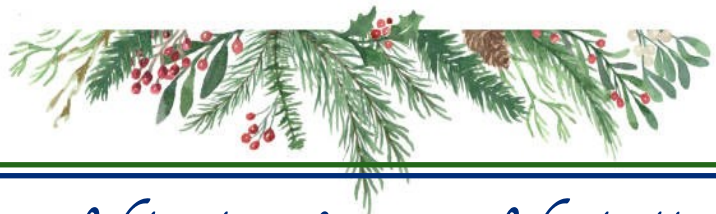


The Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 1, 2024

6.00 pm in the Sanctuary

This will be a service of symbols reflecting the Advent season, and an explanation of those symbols. The service will include children, youth, families, and other adults, and special music. All are encouraged to come as we kick-off the Season of Advent!



Nativity Scenes Needed!

We are planning to use nativity scenes to decorate the tables at our Church-wide Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, December 5. If you have one (or more) that you are willing to share with us for that evening, we would appreciate it! Please bring your nativity scene in a box labeled with your name and phone number so that we can be sure to get it returned to you. For more information, contact Kathy Jones or Joyce Edmonds.



Christmas Tree Giveaway 2024

Wouldn't this tree look beautiful in your home?!



The women's events/retreats committee is giving away a Christmas tree December 1, 2024. The theme is *The Magic of Christmas* and was designed and created by our own Helen Bridges Yarborough. Check it out in the corner of the Williams Lobby. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased from The Magic of Christmas committee members. They are Margie Washburn, Marsha Havens, Beverly Suitt, Diane

Mason, Pat Sindelir, Helen Bridges Yarborough, Sally Porter, and Toni Hickerson. Tickets may be purchased before most church services and from the church office during the week. Profits will be used to offset the cost of our Women's Advent Event, The Magic of Christmas to be held December 12, 2024.

Hymn Sing

*Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion
Thursday, November 7 at 1:30 pm*

All are welcome to come sing and fellowship with our friends at Parkview!

(1801 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330)



*You are invited
to a
Church-wide
Christmas
Celebration*

*Tuesday, December 3rd
from 6 - 8 pm*

Davenport Christian Life Center

There will be a catered meal and entertainment.

A love offering will be accepted.

Please sign up by November 26th!

Sign up sheets are available on bulletin boards and in Sunday School classrooms,
or you may call the church office at 919-776-2012 to make reservations.

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YOUTH

NEWS

NOVEMBER 2024

Phone: (919)-776-2012 ext. 2000 email: jim@saintlukeumc.org IG: @stlukeyouth_ Remind: text @stlukprnts to the number 81010

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3 NEW MEMBERSHIP FOR CONFIRMANDS
Those who completed Fall sessions 1-7 will be confirmed as new members at the 9 or 11am services.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON - "DIFFERENT"
A 3-week series that focuses on the truth that following God will often cause us to go a different direction than others.

GRAVEYARD DEVOTION @ 4PM & OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT @ 5PM
Come enjoy a devotion from Pastor Eddie, food, fellowship, & a movie in front of the Youth building before Day Light Savings Begins. Movie TBD. Sign up via the Newsletter.

5 CONFIRMATION RETREAT @ GARNER METHODIST BUILDING & METHODIST CHILDREN S HOME

8-10 FALL RETREAT (ROCKY MOUNT, NC) PILGRIMAGE 2024 - Sign up via the Newsletter

17 YOUTH GROUP OUTREACH EVENT
"DINNER ON THE RUN" EVENT - Progressive Dinner Night. Sign up via the Newsletter.



Dinner is served from 5:45 - 6:30 pm in the DCLC (\$8/adult; \$4 child under 11; \$25 family max)

November 6, 2024

Baked Potato Bar, Salad Bar, and Dessert

November 13, 2024

Meatball Subs, Crispy Slaw, Pickle, and Dessert

November 20, 2024

Turkey Roll, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, and Dessert

Please be sure to sign up if you plan to eat dinner! Sign up sheets may be found on the bulletin boards and in Sunday School classes, or you may call the church office at 919-76-2012 to register.



Dinner on the Run!

Get ready for the ultimate feast Nov. 17! "Dinner on the Run" is a dinner night with a meal divided up and served across multiple locations. Please sign up via the [link](#) or the [UMYF Newsletter](#). *Non-host families can partner with host families.

This year's theme is "Family Pride." Each home/host location will feature something from their family's heritage or country of origin (i.e. decorations/heirloom, a family dish, or story).

Children's Choir!!

Children's Choir for kids in K—5th grades meets each Sunday at 3:15 pm in Room #229. The Children's Choir is led by Sandra Hancock. We are working on Christmas music. All kids are welcome!! Bring your friends and come make a joyful noise!!



*Next Membership Sunday:
November 17, 2024*

If you have prayerfully considered making Saint Luke UMC your church home, we would love to have you! Please call the church office (919-776-2012) to let us know you'd like to join, or speak with Preacher Eddie if you have questions.

Find your place at Saint Luke!



Saint Luke Children's Ministries is hiring! Please help us fill a **paid nursery worker position** every Sunday morning from 8:45-12:00 pm. If you are interested in caring for our little ones and helping them learn about God's love, please contact Katherine Holt by email at katherine@saintlukeumc.org. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.



Van Drivers Needed

Volunteers are needed for our transportation ministry! If you are willing to drive one of our church vans once a month or once every six weeks on Sunday mornings to pick up folks in the community and bring them to the 11 o'clock worship service and then return them back after the service, please contact Bruce Greybill at 919-656-2410 to volunteer. We will need a copy of your driver's license for insurance purposes.

Jesus with a TWIST Christmas Celebration!! Thursday, November 7th



Food and fellowship begin at 6:00 pm; Devotion at 6:30 pm

Libations (139 Chatham Street)

This will be our last meeting in 2024.

All ladies are welcome! Invite your friends!

The Need Is Great ... and On-Going



We all have been deeply affected by the plight of those who were in the direct path of Hurricane Helene. Rescue and recovery efforts are ongoing in the North Carolina mountains. We continue to pray for those who are missing and all those who have lost family members, friends, homes, and livelihoods.

How can we help?

Donate financially. If you want to ensure that your donation goes directly to Western North Carolina, there are two options:

- 1) **Write checks to Saint Luke with “WNCC Disaster” on the memo line. We will forward the funds without delay.**
- 2) **Write a check to WNCC Treasurer, memo line “Disaster Response” and mail it to Western NCC, PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070-2757.**
- 3) You may also donate to the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** by writing checks to Saint Luke with “UMCOR Domestic” on the memo line. These funds will be distributed to areas within the United States that experience natural disasters (including, but not limited to, Western North Carolina).

Get Trained to Be Part of a Work Crew

Many of you have received Early Response Training, but are not currently certified. If you wish to recertify or certify for the first time, there is a training session on **November 16 at Apex UMC. For first-time trainees, the time is 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. If you need to recertify, times are 8:30 am—12:30 pm. To register, go to: <https://nccumc.org/disaster/training>. Each team must have one certified person for every volunteer who is not certified. This is a change from previous requirements.** Early Response teams go in for “clean-up and tear-out” after first responders complete their work and on invitation of the resident Bishop. Recovery/rebuilding teams will go in later. Western North Carolina will be in recovery for a very long time. If you have time and skills, the people will need you.)

Flood Buckets and Hygiene Kits Needed!

These may be brought to Saint Luke.

If you belong to a group that would like to make UMCOR kits, please key in NCCUMC.org/disaster. You should see a drop-down menu that includes the various kits that may be assembled, the items needed, and how to put them together.



*All Items Must Be New; Drop off items or donations at your local United Methodist Church

- **One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid** (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d) (No screw lids; bucket may be used, but must be free from all residual product; advertisements on the outside acceptable)
- **One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent**
- **One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner** (no spray cleaners)
- **One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap**
- **One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener** (liquid, not gel)
- **One 6 -14 oz. pump spray insect repellent** (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
- **One scrub brush with our without handle**
- **18 re-usable cleaning wipes** (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels; remove from packaging)
- **Five scouring pads** (no stainless steel pads with soap in them; remove from packaging)

- **36-50 clothespins**
- **One 50-100 foot clothesline** (cotton or plastic line)
- **24-roll of heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon size)**; remove from packaging
- **Five N-95 respirator dust masks** (1-3mm thickness); no surgical masks
- **Two pairs kitchen gloves**; durable for multiple uses; remove from packaging
- **One pair work gloves** (cotton with leather palm or all leather)

Hygiene Kits

- **One hand towel** (15 x 25 -17 x 27 inches); No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **One washcloth**; No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **One comb**; Must be sturdy with at least 4-7 inches of teeth; No pocket combs or picks; Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 4-7 inches of teeth.
- **One toenail or fingernail clipper**; No emery boards or metal nail files
- **Bath-size soap** (3 oz. bar or larger); No Ivory or Jergen's soap; Do not remove from packaging.
- **One adult toothbrush**; Do not remove from packaging; Personal advertising not acceptable
- **10 adhesive bandages** (¾ by 3 inches); Common household bandages acceptable
- **One one-gallon size re-sealable bag**
- ***Do not add toothpaste when assembling kits**





The Magic of Christmas

A Christmas Dinner Extravaganza for Women

**Christmas
Concert
Featuring
Triadic
Vocals**

Thursday, December 12

6:00 – 8:00 pm

5:30 Doors Open

**Catered
meal**

Davenport Christian Life Center

Tickets: \$15



Hurry and get you ticket!! Very few seats are still available for this special women's event!

"The Magic of Christmas," a Christmas Extravaganza for Women, will be held Thursday, December 12 from 6—8 pm in the Davenport Christian Life Center. **Triadic Vocals**, a semi-professional a cappella group based in the Triangle of NC (musicians include Curtis Moore and Abby Sabiston), will present a mini-Christmas concert as part of the evening's festivities. There will be a delicious catered meal along with wonderful fellowship, beautifully decorated tables, an inspiring Christmas devotion, and a fun Christmas Sing-A-Long led by Triadic Vocals. It will be an evening to remember! All ladies in the church and community are invited to attend. We encourage you to bring your (girl) friends and family members!

For more information, contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel or Beverly Suitt.



You are not alone.



Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group

Monday, November 11

10:30 am - Rooms #232 and #231

Saint Luke's Support Group for Caregivers and their loved ones living with dementia meets from 10:30-11:30 am on the 2nd Monday of each month. Susan Hardy leads the Caregivers Support Group in one room (Room #232) and the care recipients participate in another room (Room #231) with planned activities led by experienced volunteers. Please call the church office at 919-776-2012 if you and your loved one plan to attend. We need a headcount so that we can plan accordingly. **Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 11th.**



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919-776-2012 www.saintlukeumc.org

It's Time for a New Directory!

We are forming a team and need three or four volunteers to help with organizing picture-taking sessions and information-gathering so that our

new directory will be as up-to-date, complete, and beautiful as possible. If you'd like to help, please call Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.

GRIEF

COUNSELING



Jackie Petty, MA,
LCMHC is a Licensed
Clinical Mental Health

Counselor who can provide individual or family counseling for persons experiencing a time of grief and loss. With a Master's degree in Community Counseling, Jackie has been in private practice for 15 years and has over 25 years of experience in offering Trauma-Focused therapy to adults and children, as well as clients with anxiety and depression. The grief journey can be a complex time of confusion and sadness with feelings of uncertainty and deep pain. It can be difficult to sort through these feelings alone. Jackie would like to offer free counseling to anyone who believes it could be beneficial for them. These sessions are confidential and discreet and can be offered at the church or in your home. For more information, please contact Jackie Petty at 919-770-4588 or by email at jackiepetty@windstream.net.

Attention Handy Folks!

The Trustees have compiled a long list of large and small jobs that need to be done around the church. If you are handy and willing to help, please contact the church office for a copy of the list of things that need to be done. All help is welcome!





Emmaus News:

Agape Bags

Our supply of Agape Bags needs to be replenished.

Please bring donations of bottled water, snack foods such as nabs, Nutri-Grain bars, travel size toiletries, etc. to the Biddle Classroom (Room #221/223) and place them in the baskets marked "Agape Bags." **Even if you are not involved in Emmaus, you are welcome to donate supplies!** All donations are appreciated! Everyone is also encouraged to take an Agape Bag and give it to anyone you encounter who needs it.



and

KINGDOM KIDS

meet on Sundays at 4:00 pm!

Kingdom Kids - Room #114

JAM - Room #116/118 and DCLC



"We Are the World"

HELP! Costumes Needed!!



The theme for this year's Christmas Parade float is "We Are the World." We hope to be able to provide costumes depicting dress from around the world for the children who ride the float. The Sanford Christmas Parade is Monday, December 2nd. If you have clothing and attire from around the world that you are willing to share, please bring them to Preacher Eddie or Katherine. Thank you!



Safe Sanctuaries

Safe Sanctuaries Training is now ONLINE!

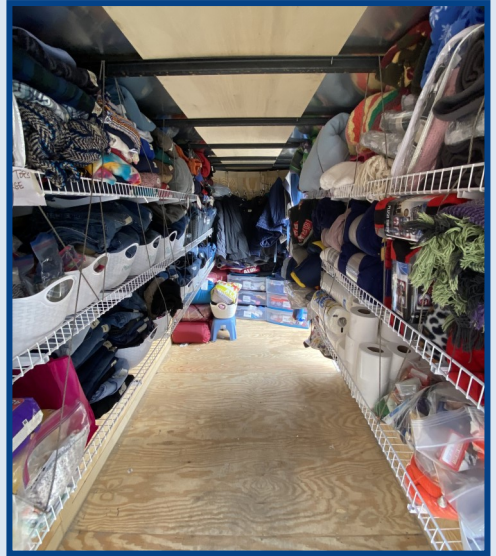
To reach more people, our Safe Sanctuaries Policy Training is now online. This will allow persons to take the training any time during the year. Online information includes the Safe Sanctuaries Policy, Training video, Covenant Statement and Acknowledgement of Abuse Prevention Form, as well as information to order background checks. All workers with children, youth, and vulnerable adults are now able to take the training any time. To access the online information, scan the QR Code. Please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel if you have any questions.





The ARK Ministry

There are many ways you can help with this ministry which provides direct aid to some of our neighbors most in need. Volunteers are always welcome! To volunteer, please reach out to the lead cook for the week you'd like to serve. If that week's jobs are filled, you will be added to the list for another week.



CURRENT NEEDS: BLANKETS!!!

Ways you can help:

- ♥ Help deliver meals
- ♥ Pull the ARK with your truck on Sundays
- ♥ Bake a dessert to go with the meal

Contact Callie Spitler (919-935-3575) or Kim Osborne (919-545-4838) if you have questions or to volunteer. Text messages preferred.



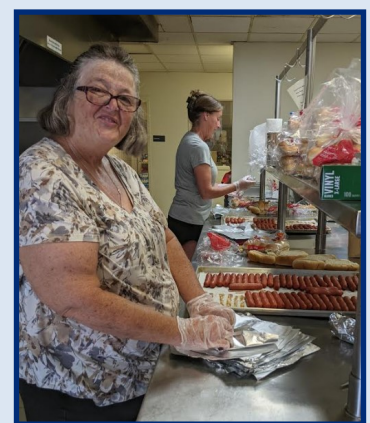
Upcoming Lead Cooks

11/10	Denise Hedrick
11/17	Gus Gomez
11/24	TBD

Upcoming Packing Teams

11/10	Heins / Osborne
11/17	Peele / Harrington
11/24	TBD / TBD

Loving God, Loving Others.



Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

We need ushers for our 11:00 worship services! If you are willing to serve as an usher on a rotating basis, please call the church office at 919-776-2012 to volunteer. All you need is a warm smile and a willing heart!!

Serve the Lord with gladness ...

Psalm 100:2a



Cancer Plus Support Group

November 20th at 6:30 pm



Our "**CANCER-PLUS**" **SUPPORT GROUP** meets every third Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Room #228 (Something More Classroom). Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 20th. This small group offers support to survivors and caregivers of persons with cancer and other serious illnesses and is facilitated by Janette Scott. It is open to the community. Gatherings include sharing stories and experiences, as well as having occasional guest speakers.



Save Your Pop Tops!

Please save your pop tops from aluminum cans and bring them to the marked bin in the collection closet in the Williams Lobby. They will be donated to the

Ronald McDonald House, where they will be used to help families whose children are hospitalized.

Don't throw away an opportunity to help!!

Thought for the Day

"Act in such a manner that you are living proof of a loving God."



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The Family That Prays Together ...

Every day, Saint Luke sends out a "Saint Luke Daily Prayer" via text message. It's a short message, but it helps connect us all, and unites our hearts for a brief moment each day. If you are not currently receiving the Saint Luke Daily Prayer, and would like to, please sign up! All you have to do is text the message "@stlprayer" to 81010. Will you pray with us?



Professional Counseling Services Available

Rev. Marti Hatch, MDiv, MA, LCMHC, NCC, is now available to schedule counseling appointments with clients. This is available to members of Saint

Luke UMC and the broader Sanford community. Clients will meet with Rev. Hatch in the Church Parlor/Prayer Room. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, please contact Rev. Hatch at hatch.marti@gmail.com or call 919-750-7949. All appointments and financial arrangements will be made through Rev. Hatch.



Greeters Schedule

Greeters for the 9:00 service, please be in place in the Williams Lobby at 8:40 am.

Greeters for the 11:00 service, please be in place in the Perry Foyer at 10:40 am.

Nov. 10	(9:00)	Tripp & Mallory Paderick
	(11:00)	Ted Havens
Nov. 17	(9:00)	Matt & Courtney Brown
	(11:00)	Betsy James
Nov. 24	(9:00)	Christian & Ashley Davenport
	(11:00)	Beverly O'Donnell

Scripture Readers Schedule



November 10

8:30	Sandra Hancock
9:00	Bob Hughes
11:00	Alice Heins

November 17

8:30	Shirley Joyner
9:00	Dare Wright
11:00	Liz McGrath

November 24

8:30	Bill Towson
9:00	Ronnie Jones
11:00	Dave Nave

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



November 10	Mike Laudate
November 17	Holden Keen
November 24	Jimmy Keen



DCLC (9:00 worship)

November: Courtney Brown / Meghan Brown

Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)
November: Kathy Jones, Beverly Suitt, Susanne Heins



We've set a goal of receiving 50 **new members** in our 50th year as Saint Luke UMC. We are over halfway there, with **30 new members so far** this year! Will YOU be one of the 50?



Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

*He will cover you with his feathers.
 He will shelter you with his wings.
 Psalm 91:4*

WANT TO GIVE ONLINE?



SCAN ME

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 6—13

Birthdays:

(11/6) Kate Martin
Dee O'Neal
Georgann Roberts

(11/7) Wayne Foy
Dave Nave

(11/8) Ann Demaree
Nancy McBryde
Dalton Peele
Luke Sindelir

(11/9) Wanda Chester

(11/10) Jack Martin
Catherine Bryant Tilley

(11/12) Kamryn Bivens
Mallory Paderick

(11/13) Ryan Babcock
Elizabeth Coggins
Kathryn Doster
Rev. Judy Drye
Chase Hill
Harper Perry

Anniversaries:

(11/6) David & Toni Davenport Morse
Dennis & Alisa Wicker

(11/10) Chuck & Donna Heiser
Nick & Tracy Jones

(11/11) Buck & Katie Harris

(11/13) Chris & Tammy Gaddy



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Gen. Fund Beginning Balance

Budget Needs Through

General Fund Income YTD

General Fund Expense Paid YTD

Loan from Sustaining Fund

Balance in Mary Tulluck Fund

Thank you for your patience concerning our church's financial report. We are drawing very close to having accurate and up-to-date figures available. In the meantime, please rest assured that our financial status is very stable.

November Attendance

	2022	2023	2024	2024 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2024 Virtual Facebook/YouTube
Week 1	*422	*534	*431	53/207/63	na/108
Week 2	*379	*590	*		
Week 3	*290	*460	*		
Week 4	*533	*439	*		
Week 5	*	*	*		
November Avg.	*406	*506	*431		

Before / After 24 Hours Streaming. *Includes Facebook, You Tube and In Person



Saint Luke periodically sends out informational text messages to help keep our congregation informed. These messages may be related to changes in service times, inclement weather, or special events, etc. **To sign up to receive these informational text messages** simply text the message "@stlukeinfo" to 81010. Stay in the Saint Luke Loop!

One Number to Reach the Weekend
Emergency On-Call Pastor
(984) 977-1798

All you need to know is one number to reach our clergy-person-on-call! Whoever is on call for the weekend will answer. So please make note of our "on-call" number. **Program it into your phone. Tape it to your refrigerator. Write it in your address book.** And if you have a pastoral emergency on a weekend, please use the number to let us know how we can help.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



*The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18*

*Saint Luke
United Methodist Church*

Prayer Requests

Received as of November 6, 2024

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Marsha Havens	Liz McGrath	Irene Smith
Judy Baker	Lloyd Jennings	Dawn Michaud	Patsy & Ira Smith
Jeanne Bethea	Mary Kesler	Ken Miller	Mackenzie Stinson
Chris Burns	Claudia Key	Kelly Montgomery	David Stout
Sarah Curry	Neal Kightlinger	Beulah Mooneyham	Eugene Thomas
Jean Davenport	Susan Larsen	Dave Nave	Nancy Thomas
Ed Davis	Nan Lehmann	Betty Newell	Dillon Touchard (Afghanistan)
Susie Dixon	Dorothy Lloyd	Parker Normann	Nan Touchard
Nancy Dugan	Mary Loving	Jan Olsen	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Janet Edrington	May Mace	Ron Perkinson	Kristin Vernon
Daniel Facemire	Annie MacKay	Bill Ray	Mark West
Linda Fowler	Nancy McBryde	Georgann Roberts	George Whitaker
Keith Garner (USS Gettysburg)	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Rex Scott	Heather McCoy Wicker

Other Known Prayer Requests

Larry Andrews	Greg and Marcia Garcia	Betty Lawrence	Juanita Showalter
Deborah Alvord	Lana Gist	Joel Lawrence	Brent Smith
Kim Ashby	Tonia Gist	Debi Lee	Paula Smith
Bruce and Linda Benton	Susan Glass	Hannah Lindsey	Ryan Smith
June Brantley	Teresa Goins	Kacie Mauldin	Jackson Snipes
Jan Brooks	Krista Gregg	Allyssa McNeal	Betty Spence
Steve Buckner	Keri Grant	Daniel Newman	Denny Swarmer
Karen and Brian Caldwell	Lisa Harden	Carlie Anne Nicholson	Carolyn Taylor
Norman Cooper	Whitney Hines	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Jane Thomas
Jamie Covil	Rev. Al Hocutt	Scott Olsen	Dr. Vance Thomas
Jeff Cummings	Bill Holt	Greg Patterson	Lavelle and Sharon Waters
Dalton Davis	Margaret Hubbard	Wade and Janie Peele	Jimmy Wilkins
Pat Dillon	Rick Huneycutt	Kate Redenbaugh	William Beckett "Beck"
Brian Drye	Scott Keller	Tina Rickard	Woodell
Martha Eigenbrodt	Sarah King	Susan Ritchie	Ricky Yarborough
Larry Ellcessor	David Lane	Terry Ritchie	Connie Zaring
Marilyn Facemire	Rebecca Kesler Laster	Sean Robbins	

Sympathy to . . .

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List or to request a pastoral visit, please use a Prayer Request card or call the church office.

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Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 am—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

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