

The + Acts

August 27, 2025

Friday Friends Team Project #2

Our "Friday Friends" Team met Friday, August 22 for another work day. This project was cleaning out an outside storage area. A large 30 yard roll off dumpster was delivered to the church for this specific project. Most people thought there was no way we would fill up this large dumpster, but we did! From an empty 30 yard roll off dumpster to it overflowing, our "Friday Friends" Team was amazing! Hard workers with smiles, willingly sharing the difficulty of this project, our "Friday Friends" Team cleaned out a messy and full-of-old-stuff garage storage area in just a few hours. In fact, we had more to toss but the dumpster was completely full! Well done, Team! While we were filling up the dumpster, Renee Keen was hard at work pulling weeds in our Alan Martin Playground. Thank you, Renee! Thank you to all persons who lend a helping hand to make our church campus more beautiful and more effective for ministry. Look for future opportunities to participate in a "Friday Friends" Team project. Contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel if you are interested in helping.

Friday Friends Team

Helping the church with
whatever needs fixin'

- Replacing light bulbs
- Repairing broken items
- Building shelves
- Organizing closet space
- Deep cleaning areas
- Other stuff as needed



(at left) Our Friday Friends Team in the **clean** storage area: **Leonard Brendel, Katie Harris, William "Bill" Knott, John Mangum, Margie Washburn, Gordon Washburn, Lonnie Hickerson, Helen Yarborough, Bill Murphy, Chuck Heiser, and Rev. Charlotte Brendel** (not pictured)

(below) We filled the dumpster!



Many hands didn't necessarily make "light" work in this case, but the fellowship sure did make the hard work more fun! A huge thank you to all who helped! Your church family is grateful!

(more pictures on page 4)



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

August 29-30: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

September 5-6: Rev. Eddie Hill; September 12-13: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

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



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Saint Luke UMC Calendar of Events August 27—September 10, 2025

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
9:00 am Mid-Week Message— Facebook Live

Sunday, August 31

10:00 am Combined Worship Service—
Sanctuary
11:30 am Church-wide Covered Dish Luncheon—
Davenport Christian Life Center
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen

Monday, September 1—Labor Day (Office Closed)

Tuesday, September 2

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
1:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive—Davenport CLC
2:00 pm Bazaar Meeting—Conference Room

Wednesday, September 3

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live

Thursday, September 4

10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
1:30 pm Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion—
Parkview (1801 Wicker Street)

Sunday, September 7

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 Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm #231
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal—Balcony
11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
4:30 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
4:30 pm JAM and Parents Open House—
Davenport CLC
5:30 pm PALS (Praise and Light Singers) -
Room #229
6:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, September 8

10:30 am Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group -
Rooms #231 and #232
12:00 pm UWIF Circle #2—Elizabeth's Pizza
12:00 pm UWIF Circle #8—Room #222/224
6:00 pm United Methodist Men—Room #222/224
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting—Conference Room

Tuesday, September 9

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
6:39 pm Worship Committee—Room #227

Wednesday, September 10

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
9:00 am Mid-Week Message— Facebook Live
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group—Rm. #232
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Live Dinner—DCLC
6:30 pm WNL Upper Room—Room #221/223
6:30 pm WNL Words that Changed ... - Rm. #227
6:30 pm Painting Pottery—Room #222/224
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.



Flower Donations

To reserve a date to place flowers in one of our worship services in honor or memory of loved ones, or to celebrate a special occasion, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for August 31, 2025

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Scriptures for September 7, 2025

Jeremiah 18:1-11 Philemon 1-21
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Luke 14:25-33

The Pastors' Page

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

Recently I read an article about teamwork by Patrick Lencioni, author of *The Ideal Team Player*. He writes, "There are three powerful virtues behind great teamwork: **humble, hungry, and smart.**" Team players who are **humble** put the team first, give credit freely, and stay grounded. Team players who are **hungry** will go above and beyond, take initiative, and push for excellence. Team players who are **smart** work well with others, read the room, and build strong relationships. Embracing these three traits can transform any team, build trust, and increase fruitfulness. Let's take a closer look at each trait.

HUMBLE. Team players who are humble are open to seeking help and learning from others. They are quick to point out and appreciate the contributions of others, and slow to seek attention for themselves. They share credit, emphasize team over self, and define success collectively rather than individually.

HUNGRY. Team players who are hungry are always looking for more: more things to do; more to learn; more responsibility to take on. Hungry people almost never have to be pushed to work harder because they are self-motivated and dedicated. They are constantly thinking about the next step and new opportunities to grow.

SMART. Team players who are smart have common sense about people, dealing with others in the most effective way, and picking up on the needs and feelings of others. They have good judgment and intuition with group dynamics, and are aware of the impact of their own words and actions on others.

God has blessed Saint Luke UMC with an abundance of great team players! Team players who are humble, hungry, and smart are in every leadership position, program, and ministry at this church.

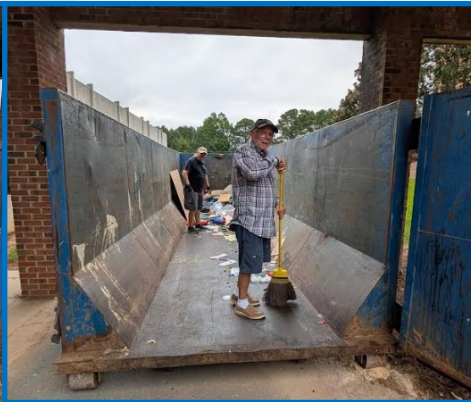
On Monday, Laura Alverson and I worked together to give our Preschool staff a breakfast, and help them celebrate the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. Members of our Preschool staff are humble, hungry, and smart women who feel called to serve God by leading preschoolers and their families. They share God's light with others. They are amazing women! Our 2025-2026 Preschool Team members are Danielle Baur (Director), Amanda Powers, Katherine Wheby, Holly Mohan, Maddie Thomas, Jennifer Orellana, Ana Martinez, Hannah Sherwood, Dazym Rodriguez, Lauren Thomas, Katie Harris, Alexz Williams, Kristi Oldham, Jordan Boggs, Liz Register, Darlene Smith, Myra Cole, and Mallory Crissman.



Working together is important in the life of the church. The Bible teaches us a lot about teamwork and how we can achieve great things when we join forces with others. It shows us that we are stronger together and that everyone has a unique role to play. By working as a team, we can support each other, share our strengths, and focus on common goals. Together, we can accomplish so much more than we can alone. Our "Friday Friends" Team most recent project was cleaning out a large storage area. Working together, we accomplished in just a few hours a task that would have taken one person several days to accomplish. Our "Friday Friends" Team includes these amazing servants: Katie Harris, Lonnie Hickerson, Helen Yarborough, Gordon and Margie Washburn, Bill Knott, Chuck Heiser, Bill Murphy, Leonard Brendel, and John Mangum.

It is my privilege to serve as a member of our Saint Luke UMC Team!

Pastor Charlotte



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Let us
WORSHIP
Together

5th Sunday
Combined Worship
and Covered Dish Lunch

Sunday, August 31, 2025

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM
IN THE SANCTUARY

Covered Dish Lunch to follow
in the Davenport Christian Life Center



The church will provide the meat and beverages for our meal. Everyone is asked to bring side dishes and desserts—enough for your family and some to share!!

Please sign up so that we know how many tables to set up and how much meat to purchase. Sign up sheets are posted on bulletin boards and in Sunday School classrooms, or you may contact the church office to make reservations at laura@saintlukeumc.org or 919-776-2012.

COVERED
DISH LUNCH



Ladies Lunch & Learn

Next Gathering:
Wednesday,
September
17

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

Ladies of all ages are encouraged to come.

Bring a friend!



Our Ladies Lunch and Learn met Wednesday, August 20. We continue our theme "Can I Get a Witness?" using Scripture from the Gospel of John. Beginning in July, we were inspired by the witness of four Saint Luke UMC women who shared their God-story about a difficult season of life. Now, we hear stories of women in the Bible who were used by God in a significant way, and

were a witness to God's greater plan for humanity. For this gathering we learned about how God used Rahab, a prostitute in the city of Jericho. Yes, God can use anyone to be a witness for God if they are available and open to God's grace. Rahab was the great-great-grandmother of King David, ancestor of Jesus Christ. **Our next Ladies Lunch and Learn is Wednesday, September 17.** We meet at 11:30 am at Davison's Restaurant in Sanford. All women are invited to attend.



More Ladies Lunch & Learn



Join us next time!

Jesus with a Twist

There's a NEW TWIST to Jesus with a Twist!
New Night! New Time! New Location!

MONDAY, September 22nd
at 5:30 pm
at ELIZABETH'S PIZZA
(1009 Spring Lane)

All women are invited! Bring your friends!

Join us for food, fellowship,
and an inspiring devotion!



Libations 139 is no longer available on Thursdays, so we are trying something brand new for our Jesus with a Twist gathering for women! Beginning in September, we will meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at **Elizabeth's Pizza** (1009 Spring Lane) in the group meeting room. Our hope is to engage more women this fall who enjoy gathering in the evening for great conversation, fellowship, food, and a devotion with life application. Our first gathering is Monday, September 22. Since this is new, we ask that you notify the church office if you plan to attend. We need to let the restaurant know how many to expect. Jesus with a Twist is led by Robin Showalter.



NO NEWS

Because of the shortened week due to the Labor Day Holiday, we will not publish a newsletter next week. Our next edition will be on Wednesday, September 10th.



Labor Day Holiday

The church office and the Williams Lobby Desk will be closed on Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 2 at 8:00 a.m.



Circle
News



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith Circles will meet on Monday, September 8th. All women are welcome!

Circle #2 will meet at 12 noon at Elizabeth's Pizza (1009 Spring Lane).

Circle #8 will meet at the church at 12 noon in Room #222/224. Hostesses this month are Susan Laudate (919-770-0804) and Kathy Jones (919-770-1158). Please let them know if you plan to attend. Cost for lunch is \$6. Our program will be related to Congregations for Children and will be presented by the Principals at our C4C partner schools, JR Ingram Elementary (Melissa Brewer) and West Lee Middle School (Aimee Petrarca).

For more information about UWIF, contact Kathy Jones, President, at 919-770-1158.

Children and Youth Programs Resume on Sunday, September 7th!



Ages 2 - Preschool

Sundays

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Room #114



Grades K - 5

Sundays 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Room #116/118

and the Davenport CLC



K - 5th Grade Choir

Grades K - 5

Sundays 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Room #229



Grades 6 - 12

Sundays

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Harriss Youth House

All are welcome!! See you there!!

OPEN HOUSE

Bring your
calendar!

Attention JAM Friends and ALL Families:

Join Katherine and the Children's Council

Sunday, September 7th @ 4:30 in the DCLC

- *meet Sunday School teachers
- *learn about JAM's new structure
- *receive a calendar of events
- *sign up for special events
- *enjoy a light snack
- *register w/ the new check-in system

Kingdom Kids Parents — this event is for YOU too!

Your kids will meet with Mrs. Lisa in the Children's Music room during this time.

Our first regular JAM meeting will be held September 14 from 4:30—5:30.



WE THANK OUR MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS!

Many, many thanks to our **Friends #3 Group and helpers** for delivering Meals on Wheels in August. Our volunteers were: **Tom Coggin, Patti Cox, Linda Foushee, Pam Gordon, Kim Hales, Marsha and Ted Havens, Kathy Jones, Ann and Neal Kightlinger, Susan Laudate, Ellen Mangum, Cathy and Ty McCoy, Martha and Charles Oldham, Mary Jo Parks, Jackie Petty, Bob Sanford, Brenda Warf, and Molly Whitaker.** Your faithfulness and dedication to this worthwhile ministry is greatly appreciated.

Saint Luke UMC is in charge of all the Mondays of the year. We have six groups delivering, so each group does two months. Our drivers cover five routes and deliver approximately 35 meals in total between 10 a.m. and 12 noon every Monday. In some cases, our drivers may be the only personal contact the client has that day. Deliveries are typically in teams, but it can be done individually.

We can always use more volunteers. You do not need to be a member of UMM, United Women in Faith, or other designated group. If you are interested in participating in this important ongoing ministry, please call Marsha Havens at 919-776-3624 for more information.

Hymn Sing

Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion
Thursday, September 4 at 1:30 pm

All are welcome to come sing and fellowship with our friends at Parkview!
(1801 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330)

UNITED METHODIST MEN



**September Meeting:
Monday, September 8th
6:00 pm - Room #222/224**

*Men of all ages are welcome!
Bring a friend!*

We are excited to be back after our summer break! Because of the Labor Day holiday, we will meet on the second Monday of September. Come join us for great fellowship and a short program. **Meet and greet will begin at 6:00 pm in Room #222/224. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by our program. Cost for dinner is \$8.** Don't forget to bring a jar of jelly for our "Jelly for Jesus" program, as well as "TP, PT, and H2O" (toilet paper, paper towels, and bottled water). We will also be accepting donations of canned meats for CUOC. Voluntary annual dues of \$50 may be paid to Bob Sanford.

Sign up in your Sunday School class or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012.

And let us consider how to spur one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another . . ." Hebrews 10:24-25a



September 10 - November 19

**Dinner at 5:45 pm
Classes at 6:30 pm**



Upcoming Menus:

September 10

Cashew Chicken over Rice
and Dessert

(available without cashews upon request)

September 17

Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Beans, and Dessert

Cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults; \$4 for children age 11 and younger; \$25 family maximum. Please make reservations if you plan to eat dinner! Sign up in Sunday School or call the church office at 919-776-2012.

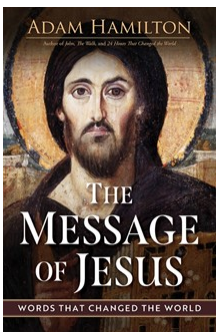
Class Offerings



Upper Room Weekly Devotion (Room #221/223)

Leader: Rev. Eddie Hill (11 weeks—September 10—November 19)

The Upper Room is a daily devotional magazine published in more than 30 languages and 100 countries around the world. The meditations, written by a variety of laity and clergy, are stories of real people working to live faithfully with the Bible as their touchstone. The daily devotional guide invites people to listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story; commune with God in prayer; see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work; realize our connection through Christ as a universal family of believers; and encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness. Each week is stand-alone, so drop in as you are able.



The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World (Room #227)

Leader: Rev. Charlotte Brendel (6 weeks—September 10—October 15)

In this six-week study by Rev. Adam Hamilton, we will explore six important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. We will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. Books may be purchased on Amazon or other bookstores.



Painting Pottery: Making Memories (Room #222/224)

Cost is \$15 per plate. (3 weeks—September 10— September 24)

Well Glazed Ceramics will lead our artsy folks in a Pottery Painting Class. This is the same company who offered our Pottery Event this past Spring. We will meet for three weeks to complete our pottery projects, so participants will have plenty of time to finish their masterpieces! Participants may select from three different patterns: a nutcracker plate, a Christmas tree shaped plate, or a plain small plate to decorate as you choose. Adults and children are invited to participate. Families are encouraged to join the fun! Please let us know you are coming so we have enough plates available.

Contact the church office (919-776-2012 or laura@saintlukeumc.org) to register for the class of your choice! Additional classes will be offered when the shorter term classes end. Watch for information about a painting class in October led by Lisa Orlando, a barn quilt painting class in November led by Ken McNeill, and another short term Bible study in late October and November!



K - 5th Grade Choir

Sundays from 5:30 - 6:15 pm
in Room #229
beginning September 7th

A registration table will be set up on Sunday, August 24th and Sunday, August 31st in the Williams Lobby after the 9:00 worship services. Come sing with us!!

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group



Wednesday,
September 10th
10:00 am - Room #232

New knitters and crocheters are always welcome!

Contact Dawn Michaud for more information at 919-774-1121.

Bins for the BOOK SALE

We are grateful for all of the donations of books that are coming in for the book sale on November 1st—so many that we need storage boxes for them! If you have plastic storage bins that we can have (or borrow), we would appreciate them. If you would like them returned after the book sale, be sure to put your name on them! Bins may be brought to the closet in the Williams Lobby.



Lay Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, September 7
6:00 pm
Conference Room

The first meeting of the Lay Leadership Team will take place on Sunday, September 7 at 6 pm in the Conference Room. Members of this team are: **Rev. Eddie Hill, chair; Bob Hughes, Lay Leader; Jennifer Bryant, Christian Davenport, Molly Whitaker, John Maness, Linda Morton, Mallory Paderick, Susan Laudate, Melanie West, and Ashlee Beal.** Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this important work in the life of our church.

Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD

-PSALM 46:10



Let Us Pray!!

Our Saint Luke Daily Prayer is no longer available by text. We are now sending our Daily Prayer only via email. If you would like to receive our Saint Luke Daily Prayer via email, please send an email to Pastor Charlotte (charlottebrendel@yahoo.com) or contact the church office (919-776-2012).



Project Agape Update

Thanks to everyone who has taken an Agape box. Please remember to return them to the Perry Foyer or Williams Lobby by September 7 and check them in on the correct sign-out sheet.

If you are having trouble finding some of the items, especially gloves and socks, there are "extras" in the Timothy Classroom (Room #231) upstairs. Feel free to help yourself!



Bible Gals - New Study!

Bible Gals will begin a study of *The Chosen*, season 5, on Thursday, September 11. We meet from 1—2:30 pm in Room #228. If you would like to join us, study guides can be purchased at The Carpenter's Shop or online.

Facilitators are Beth Hart and Beverly Suitt.

Come join us!



Handbell Update

Our handbells are in the process of being refurbished. Handbell rehearsals will resume as soon as the work is complete. Stay tuned! Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Music Room as soon as we have bells to ring.

Sanctuary Choir News

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals will resume on September 10th at 7:30 pm in the Music Room.



Now is a great time to join the Sanctuary Choir!



Love for Irene

Please join us in thanking **Irene Smith** for her dedicated service to Saint Luke. Irene has transitioned out of the receptionist role after many years of faithful service. We are grateful for each smile she shared, each call she answered, and each day that she spent at the Williams Lobby Desk!

We will be accepting a love offering for Ms. Irene between now and the end of August. Please mark any donation you'd like to give to honor Ms. Irene as "Love for Irene."

(Checks may be made payable to Saint Luke UMC, marked "Love for Irene" on the memo line.



Calling All Marigolds and Roses!



We are excited to announce our Marigolds and Roses Year #3 Kick-Off to be held Sunday, September 14 from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Church Parlor. Currently, there are 50 women involved in this beautiful ministry of mentoring and building friendships among the women of Saint Luke UMC. We are expanding this ministry with several new women who will participate in our Cohort #3. New "Marigolds" will join us as mentors who spend time building relationships and offering support to other women. New "Roses" will join us as they form meaningful friendships with more seasoned women who provide care, love, and support. We will reveal the new participants on September 14.

We believe God will grow this unique ministry with women this year. ***"Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory"*** (Prayer of Jabez, 1 Chronicles 4:10). Our prayer for this

new season is that God would allow our Marigold and Rose Ministry to bear much fruit.

Our Marigold and Rose Leadership Team members are Renee Keen, Jennifer Bryant, Susanne Heins, Katie Harris, and Rev. Charlotte Brendel.



Introducing our NEW
Marigolds and Roses
for Year #3!

Save the Date!

**Sunday, September 14
Year #3 Kick-off**

**2:30 – 4:00 pm Gathering
Church Parlor**

Join us for light refreshments, fellowship, devotion

Let us know you are coming!

Email/Text Rev. Charlotte Brendel charlottebrendel@yahoo.com or 828-430-1312

Did You Know That ...

- ... you can read the Bible using the new Saint Luke app?
- ... our website has been updated and ready to use?
- ... you can watch our worship services live or later on the website (or app)?
- ... you can register for special events using the app?
- ... you can conveniently tithe directly from your phone or computer (app, text, or website)?

Everything Saint Luke is available for you with just a click of a button:

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Join Pastor Eddie and Nita on Our Trip to Greece!

Journeys of Paul Tour

April 14-24, 2026

Contact the Church Office for Additional Information

****Registrations are due by October 1, 2025!****



WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST



All men are welcome!

Please join us on the
SECOND AND FOURTH Wednesdays
at 7 am in
the Davenport CLC!

Upcoming dates are 8/27 and 9/10.
Cost is \$7.

Gowns Needed for Live Nativity Costumes!

Attention recent graduates—or even not-so-recent graduates! Do you have a graduation gown that

you no longer need? If you don't want to keep it, we would love to have it to use as a costume in our annual Live Nativity! Gowns may be brought to the collection closet in the Williams Lobby or to the church office. Thank you!!



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Calling all crafters!

BAZAAR & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 1, 8:00AM-1:00PM

Calling all local crafters and makers! Showcase your handmade goods—just in time for the holiday shopping rush. Connect with the community, grow your customer base, and be part of a festive event that celebrates shopping local.

\$30 PER TABLE

includes 8 foot table and 2 chairs
access to electricity upon request

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Email Pat at greybill1@charter.net today.

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Jesus loves me
this I know

**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.



SAINT LUKE UMC'S CreationCare

1 CORINTHIANS 10:26

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

1 Corinthians 10:26

SAINT LUKE RECYCLES!

Thank you to everyone who is joining our efforts to recycle as a church family! Please refer to the instructions included on or beside/above (on the wall) the receptacles for the items that are NOT recyclable (i.e., NOT used plastic utensils and dirty food containers) - and remember to donate your plastic bags to the ARK!

2025/2026

Confirmation

Journey

**Coming Fall of 2025
and/or Spring of 2026 ...
the Confirmation Journey!**

Youth in sixth grade and up
are invited to join the journey.
Pick the season that works best for you!

Come join us!





Pints with the Pastor *Monday, September 15*

Pints with the Pastor meets each month on the third Monday at 5:30 pm at Camelback Brewing Co. (804 Spring Lane) for a time of fellowship and a devotion with life applications. All men are welcome! Plan to join us on September 15th!



PINTS WITH THE PASTOR
It's a Saint Luke / Camelback Thing



**American
Red Cross
Blood
Drive**

Save a Life, Give Blood

**Saint Luke UMC is sponsoring
a Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

in the Davenport Christian Life Center

To make an appointment, go to:
www.redcrossblood.org. Type in our Zip
code (27330) at the prompt, and scroll down
to September 2 — Saint Luke UMC.
Walk-ins are also welcome!



September Keenagers

Thursday, September 18th
12 Noon—Room #222/224

All Keenagers (men and women age 65 and up) are invited to attend! Come and share a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and a fun program with your Saint Luke friends! Cost for lunch is \$6. Please remember to sign up in Sunday School, or on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Monday, September 15th. Don't miss it!!

*"Even to your old age and
gray hairs I am he, I am he
who will sustain you."*

Isaiah 46:4



Do you work with children, youth,
or vulnerable adults?



SAFER SANCTUARIES
Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities

Safer Sanctuaries Training is now ONLINE!

To reach more people, our Safer Sanctuaries Policy Training is now online. This will allow persons to take the training any time during the year. Online information includes the Safer 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.



Come be a part of our new Creation Care Team!



- ◆ Community Garden
- ◆ Flower Garden
- ◆ Recycling
- ◆ and More!

Contact Preacher Eddie or Eric
McCalister if you are interested!

GRIEF COUNSELING AVAILABLE



Jackie Petty, MA, LCMHC is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor who can provide individual or family counseling for persons experi-

encing 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.

ALZHEIMER'S
& DEMENTIA

Support Group

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday
of each month at 10:30 am.

Saint Luke's Support Group for Caregivers and their loved ones living with dementia meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month. Susan Hardy leads the Caregivers Support Group in one room and the care recipients participate in another room 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 may plan accordingly.**



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: BOTTLED WATER and TOILET PAPER!



Ways you can help:

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

Contact Lisa Harrington (919-770-2595) or Kim Osborne (919-545-4838) if you have questions or to volunteer. Text messages preferred.



Upcoming Lead Cooks

8/31 Jan Hayes
9/7 Gus Gomez
9/14 Terri Kirkman

Upcoming Packing Teams

8/31 Meals Only (No Trailers)
9/7 Peele / Kirkman
9/14 TBD / TBD

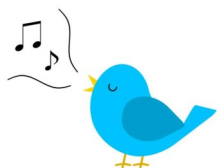
Loving God, Loving Others.



SING in the Summer Choir

Come sing in the summer choir! Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the choir loft of the Sanctuary (balcony). Just meet us there and we will teach you everything you need to know for that particular service! New singers are welcome!!

Questions? Contact
Rodney Oldham at
reoldham65@gmail.com.



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



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

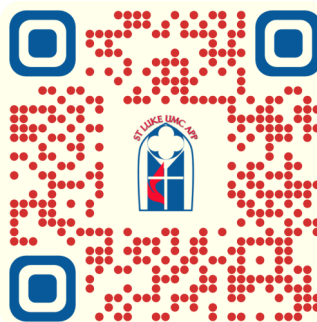
"It is not
happy people
who are thankful.
It is
thankful people
who are happy."



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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.

August 31 (ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM)

Gabby McCalister, Jordan Edwards
and Collins Chaney

Sept. 7 (9:00) Matt & Courtney Brown
(11:00) Mary Jo Parks

Sept. 14 (9:00) Christian & Ashley Davenport
(11:00) Kim Osborne

Scripture Readers Schedule



August 31 (ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM)

10:00 Dave Nave

September 7

8:30 Ram Upadhyaya
9:00 Susan Laudate
11:00 Leslie Cox

September 14

8:30 Bill Towson
9:00 Neal Kightlinger
11:00 Alice Heins



DCLC (9:00 worship)

August: Lisa Foushee
and Lisa Harrington

September: Katie Harris and Rebecca Harris

Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)

August: Sylvia Pepper and Linda Morton

September: Kay Stout (chair), Linda Powell,
Brenda Warf, Laura Bradley, and Diane Davis



Draw and Name and Pray for

a Member of Your Church Family!

Last year, our Prayer Team began the **Prayer Bowl Project**. The goal is to have every member held in prayer by name during each Sunday service whether you are in the sanctuary or at home. A new set of names has been made for this year. If you'd like to participate, come by the church office and draw a name, or call Laura in the church office (919-776-2012) and ask her to draw a name for you. You do not need to know anything about the person or family you have drawn. God already knows their every need! Can you imagine how God might smile to hear every member of Saint Luke's family held up in prayer each Sunday? When you become a member of the Saint Luke family, you will never walk alone again!

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



August 31 (ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM)

Neal Kightlinger and 11:00 Crew

Sept. 7 Mike Laudate

Sept. 14 Philip Kelly



Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 27—Sept. 10

Birthdays:

(8/27) Kaitlyn Macon, Anna Stinson, Mackenzie Stinson, Madison Stinson, Christina Stone

(8/28) Ned Heins, Jim Murray, Maria Stewart

(8/29) Linda Goldston, Ed Spitler, Elaine Thomas, Scarlett Turner

(8/30) Lauria Davis, David Lind, Kristen Rogers

(8/31) Ted Beemer, LA Lyon, Brittany Nave, Parker Paderick

(9/1) Judy Johnston, Kevin Showalter

(9/2) Joey McDonald, Stewart Post

(9/3) Melinda Garner

(9/4) Belle Slade

(9/6) Joe Martin

(9/7) Finley Benton, Jordan Paderick Perry Setzer, Munsey Wheby

(9/8) Donald Dollar

(9/9) Lonnie Hickerson, Virginia Martin, Graydon Thomas, Eric Pittard

(9/10) Linda Marie Gaertner, Grayson Paderick, Mike Shepard

Anniversaries

(8/27) Chuck & Molly Maness

(9/1) Don & Darlene Perry

(9/2) Brit & Kelly Young

(9/4) Jacob & Caroline Seate

(9/5) Tom & Shirley Joyner

(9/8) John & Valerie Hawley Aaron & Kristen Vernon

membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 8/24/25	\$7,351.00
Restricted Funds Received 8/24/25	\$2,735.00

August Attendance

	2023	2024	2025	2025 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2025 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*497	*563	*309	41/124/71	34/39
Week 2	*562	*1146	*299	36/155/58	31/19
Week 3	*512	*890	*333	34/168/66	35/30
Week 4	*546	*844	*299	37/105/71	59/27
Week 5					
August Avg.	*529	*861	*310		

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

Online Giving

EASY, FAST, AND SECURE: 3 Convenient Ways to Give to Saint Luke UMC

- via your phone by texting "stluke" to 1-888-364-4483 [GIVE]
- online here: <https://www.saintlukeumc.org/givetosaintlukeumcsanford>
- through our downloadable app here: <https://subsplash.com/saintlukeumc/app>

For your convenience, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. For more information or help with Subsplash Giving, please contact the church office.



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SUBSPASH



*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 August 27, 2025

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	George Harvey	Pat Mace	Georgann Roberts
Judy Baker	Marsha Havens	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Irene Smith
Chris Burns	Whitney Hines, and Daisy	Liz McGrath	Patsy & Ira Smith
Sarah Curry	Katherine Holt	Dawn Michaud	Mackenzie Stinson
Jean Davenport	Lloyd Jennings	Theresa Miller	Nancy Thomas
Susan Davis	Mary Kesler	Beulah Mooneyham	Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard
Susie Dixon	Claudia Key	Dave Nave	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Janet Edrington	Susan Larsen	Betty Newell	Kristin Vernon
Linda Fowler	Nan Lehmann	Parker Normann	Gordon Washburn
Sandra Gallagher	Dorothy Lloyd	Jan Olsen	David Whitfield
Keith Garner (USS Gettysburg)	Mary Loving	Nick Porter	Heather McCoy Wicker
Ed Garrison	May Mace	Bill Ray	Sandy Woodard
Lisa Harden			

Other Known Prayer Requests

Larry Andrews	Martha Eigenbrodt	Betty Lawrence	Sean Robbins
Deborah Alvord	Daniel Facemire	Joel Lawrence	Roy Rud and family
Bruce and Linda Benton	Carol Fuller	AnnaBelle LeGrand	Juanita Showalter
June Brantley	Lynn Gagliardi	Hannah Lindsey	Paula Smith
Jan Brooks	Dr. Roy Gaines, Jr.	Olivia Love (infant)	Ryan Smith
Bonnie Brown	Lana Gist	Elliot Mann	Jackson Snipes
Betty Caldwell	Tonia Gist	Allyssa McNeal	Betty Spence
Karen and Brian Caldwell	Teresa Goins	Daniel Newman	Caroline Perry Spencer
Kenny Cole	Keri Grant	Carlie Anne Nicholson	Blake Strickland
Norman Cooper	Rev. Al Hocutt	Jennifer Nicholson	Denny Swarmer
Jamie Covil	Margaret Hubbard	Phyllis O'Keef	Jane Thomas
Jeff Cummings	Rick Huneycutt	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Dr. Vance Thomas
John Daniel	Jamie Hunt	Greg Patterson	Lavelle and Sharon Waters
Dalton Davis	Beckisue Brown Joyner	Wade and Janie Peele	Jimmy Wilkins
Pat Dillon	Scott Keller	Kate Redenbaugh	William Beckett "Beck"
Diedre Dowdy	David Lane	Tina Rickard	Woodell
Brian Drye	Rebecca Kesler Laster	Barbara Rivera	Connie Zaring

Sympathy to . . .

Martha Quillin and Mads Peek in the loss of Martha's husband (Mads' father), Charlie Peek.

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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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!

Lead Pastor
Associate Pastor
Minister of Visitation
Children and Family Ministry
Coordinator of Contemporary Music
Director of Music Ministries
Office Manager
Bookkeeper
Receptionist
Receptionist
Preschool Director
Afterschool Director
Organist Emeritus, Posthumous

Rev. Eddie Hill, Elder
Rev. Charlotte Brendel, Deacon
Rev. Judy Drye, Elder
Katherine Holt
Curtis Moore
Rodney Oldham
Laura Alverson
Pat Angel
Rebecca Little
Beatrice Smith
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