

The + Acts

August 6, 2025



Ladies Lunch & Learn

Our fourth July Ladies Lunch and Learn gathering was another time of wonderful fellowship and inspiration. Ana Martinez shared her God-story about how her family traveled to the United

States through very difficult circumstances. Ana's family was determined to work hard and become naturalized citizens. We are grateful God led this sweet family to Saint Luke UMC. What a blessing they are!

This concludes our weekly July gatherings. We will now meet every third Wednesday at Davison's Restaurant from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Our next Ladies Lunch and Learn is Wednesday, August 20. All women are invited to these gatherings! Bring a friend!



(See more pictures on page 11)



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

August 8-9: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

August 15-16: Rev. Eddie Hill

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



SAINT LUKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God. Loving Others.
SANFORD, NC

Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events
August 6—August 13, 2025

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live

Thursday, August 7

10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223

1:30 pm Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion—
 Parkview (1801 Wicker Street)

Friday, August 8

All Day Set Up for Non-Member Wedding
 Reception—Davenport CLC

Saturday, August 9

All Day Non-Member Wedding and Reception—
 Sanctuary and Davenport CLC

Sunday, August 10

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 am Worship Service with Blessing of the
 Backpacks—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 with Blessing of the
 Backpacks—Sanctuary

2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen

Monday, August 11

10:30 am Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group—
 Rooms #232 and #231

4:00 pm August Bible Study—Room #222/224

Tuesday, August 12

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC

9:00 am DCOM (District Committee on Ordained
 Ministry—Room #222/224 and Library

9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room

6:30 pm Worship Committee—Room #227

Wednesday, August 13

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC

9:00 am Mid-Week Message— Facebook Live

9:00 am DCOM—Room #222/224 and Library

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group—Rm #232

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for August 10, 2025

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Luke 12:32-40



*Flower
 Donations*

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 10 will be given to the glory of God by Ronnie and Kathy Jones and Mike and Susan Laudate in celebration of their wedding anniversaries. Mike and Susan will celebrate their 51st anniversary on August 10 and Ronnie and Kathy will celebrate their 58th anniversary on August 12.

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.



Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion
Thursday, August 7th at 1:30 pm

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

(1801 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330)

*Come and make a joyful noise
 and spread some Sonshine!*

***I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.***

Isaiah 43:19

Since June, one of my friends has battled ongoing pain and relentless discomfort, with little relief. She has visited doctors, Urgent Care, and hospitals, including several trips in an ambulance to the emergency department. Medical personnel are having difficulty diagnosing her problems, so new issues arise frequently. Each night around 7:00 pm she experiences extremely itchy palms, followed by severe rash and hives for about 45 minutes. Sometimes she feels like her face is swollen and on fire. Then, these symptoms magically disappear as if nothing happened. It is very strange!

My friend finally had gallbladder surgery, which helped some of her symptoms. However, her severe allergic reactions continue. This has taken quite a physical toll on her body and her emotional stamina. The pain she has experienced over the past forty (40) days has been unmanageable, even with medication. It is heartbreaking to see her going through such a difficult season in her life.

Throughout this long ordeal, my friend has kept her strong faith, asking prayers for wisdom and discernment.

My friend recently explained that on day forty-one (41) her pain stopped. Recalling the significance of the number forty (40) in the Bible, her spirit was enlightened:

- It rained for 40 days and nights. Day 41 came, and the rain stopped.
- Moses went up on the mountain for 40 days. On day 41, he received the Ten Commandments.
- The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Year 41, they walked into the Promised Land.
- Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days. Day 41 came, and David slew that giant.
- Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days. Day 41 came, and the devil left.
- After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples for 40 days. On day 41, he ascended into Heaven.

The number 40 appears often in dealing with judgment, testing, or readiness. Many scholars understand it to be the number of probation or trial, which emphasizes times of trouble and hardship. In each instance, the close of the 40-day period brings about renewal or redirection.

Friends, God will make a way where there is no way. God will bring about transformation and change, even in the most challenging and seemingly impossible situations. Let us trust in God's ability to make a way where there seems to be no way. The rain will stop, the giants will fall, the temptations will cease, and we will enter God's promised land.

***God will make a way where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me
He will be my guide; Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day; He will make a way.***
(Don Moen)

Forty days often marks a time for renewal, reflection, and deeper submission to God. Difficult seasons of life can precede spiritual breakthroughs. Our faithfulness to God will lead to transformation and redirection. As my friend said, "Don't give up at 40 ... Your 41 is coming!"

Pastor Charlotte



It is that time of the year ... and I am not talking about college football or going back to school. No, I'm talking about beginning the process of formulating the 2026 Saint Luke Leadership Team. As most of you know, each of our standing committees are comprised of three classes, each consisting of three individuals. So, on any given year there will be three committee members rotating off, three new committee members coming on and two classes (six individuals) providing continuity and stability. Listed are our eight standing committees. You are invited to read the brief description, see Preacher Eddie if you have any questions and prayerfully consider how you might put your gifts and talents to use for God's Kingdom and the good of Saint Luke. Our two new teams are also listed – marketing and creation care.

Evangelism – From the very beginning, Christians and the church have been called to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Through the years how this is done has evolved in some ways but has stayed the same in other ways. At Saint Luke, the Evangelism Committee explores ways that we can get the good news out about the love of God but also, the love and ministries of Saint Luke. Historic means of t-shirts and coffee mugs, banners and revivals are part of this process, as is our new website and social media platform. If you have a heart for sharing the good news and a creative spirit, this might be the spot for you.

Finance – It takes money to run a church. Our Finance Committee is responsible for overseeing and providing stable and insightful thought concerning the finances of our church. Not only are they concerned with the immediate state of affairs, but they are tasked with futuristic thinking to help ensure that Saint Luke will continue to be a viable and well-resourced member of God's Kingdom.

Lay Leadership – The Lay Leadership Committee serves to help identify and recruit committee members. Being familiar with the congregation and knowing a variety of individuals is a helpful tool for this process.

Missions (and Outreach) – Although officially known as the Missions Committee, this committee has continued to evolve in the way it does outreach to those in need. Overseeing the distribution of contributions to a variety of ministries, as well as helping to coordinate the many outreach ministries that Saint Luke members are involved in, falls under this group's responsibilities. If you have a heart for missions, we would love to provide you with a wonderful place to answer that call.

Nurture – The church is a family and the Nurture Committee seeks to find ways that our church can be in fellowship outside of Sunday mornings. Small groups and our Sunday School program fall under this committee's guidance. The Nurture Committee is always brainstorming in regards to new ways that we can come together and become better acquainted with each other.

Staff-Parish – Serving as the human resource team, the Staff-Parish works to staff our church, as well as support our staff. This committee determines the staff's salaries and handles any changes in job descriptions and personnel issues.

Trustees – Saint Luke is blessed with wonderful facilities but in order to keep things running smoothly it requires individuals to oversee what God has blessed us with. The Trustees are responsible for the church grounds and facilities. Proper maintenance and timely repairs are part of their responsibilities.

Worship – What takes place on Sunday mornings, as well as special services and events are the concern of the Worship Committee. With three separate weekly worship services, the Worship Committee helps to keep everyone on the same page.

***Two new teams** – the past year saw the emergence of two new leadership teams – Creation Care and Marketing. Our Creation Care team worked to implement our recycling program, as well as bringing back our church garden. The Marketing Team oversaw the creation of Saint Luke's new social platform and continues to keep Saint Luke a viable and engaging presence in the world of social media and beyond.

stir UP
the gift
of which
God is in
you
2 Tim 1:6



Leighton Alexandra
Gallagher

Born July 14, 2025
7 pounds, 5 ounces
20 1/2 inches long

Daughter of
Will & Alexandra Gallagher,
of Omaha, Nebraska

Proud Big Sister:
Harper Gallagher (age 20 months)

Proud Grandparents:
Keith & Sandra Gallagher

*"Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from him." Psalm 127:3*



Welcome to
the World!!



Callahan Harvey Forbes

Born August 1, 2025
8 pounds, 12 ounces
20 3/4 inches long

Son of Carter & Shelley Forbes

Proud Big Sister:
Juliette Forbes (age 3)

Proud Grandparents:
Stewart & Sheila Forbes
and
Wendy Black

Proud Great-Grandparents:
Harvey & Joan Forbes,
of Sanford,
Sue Liverman,
of Ahoskie, North Carolina,
and the late Fred Liverman

*"Children are a heritage from the LORD, off-
spring a reward from him."*

Psalm 127:3

Welcome to
the World!!





POOL Party

JAM and Kingdom Kids Kick-Off
Saturday. August 16
9 - 11 am
Westlake Pool

Fellowship!

Snacks!

FUN!!

Swim!

Parents can fill out paperwork for 2025-2026!

YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL

POOL

Party Time

WHO: Rising 6th - 12th Graders

WHEN: Saturday, August 16th

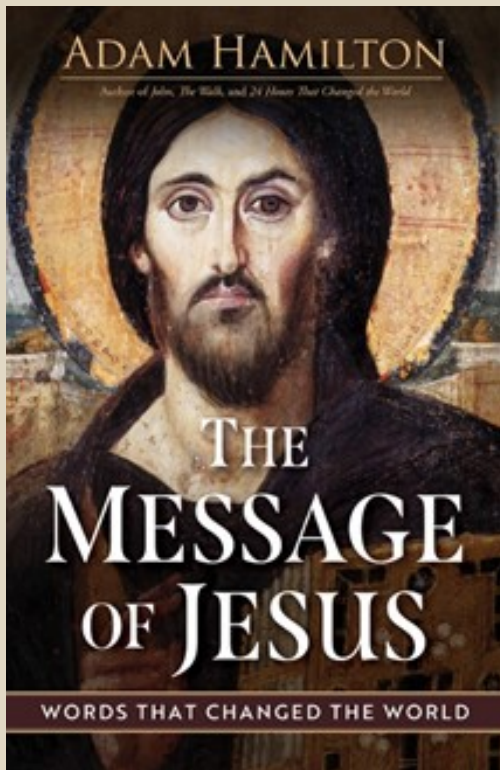
TIME: 7 - 9 pm

WHERE: Westlake Pool

Come join the fun!

*All youth
are welcome!*

Coming Soon! Wednesday Night Live Bible Study Opportunity



The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World

Wednesdays: September 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15

6:30-7:30 pm in Room #227

Leader: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

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. Join Pastor Charlotte in studying *The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World*.

Session 1: The Kingdom of God Has Come Near

Session 2: The World's Most Important Sermon

Session 3: He Spoke to Them in Parables

Session 4: Who Do YOU Say That I Am?

Session 5: Final Words

Session 6: The Resurrection and the Life

Books may be purchased on Amazon or other bookstores.

Blessing OF THE Backpacks



**Sunday, August 10 at the
9 and 11 am services**

Students of all ages are encouraged to bring your backpack to worship on Sunday, August 10 for a Blessing of the Backpacks. What a great way to start off a new school year!



Membership Sunday: August 17, 2025

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 or Pastor Charlotte if you have questions.

Find your place at Saint Luke!



"PINTS WITH THE PASTOR" NEXT GATHERING: MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH!

Come join this great looking group of men for Pints with the Pastor! Men of all ages are welcome to join Preacher Eddie on Monday, August 18th at 5:30 pm at Camelback Brewing Co. (804 Spring Lane). Invite your friends and neighbors for this time of fellowship and discussion with life applications.



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





K - 5th Grade Choir

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

Registration forms will be available at the Kingdom Kids and JAM Pool Party Kick-off on Saturday, August 16th, and 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!!

August
Keenagers



Thursday, August 21st
12:00 pm - 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, August 18 if you plan to attend. Don't miss it!!



Help Wanted!!!

Saint Luke is hiring for a part-time IT/Audio Visual technician to assist on Sunday mornings (7am till 1pm), plus an additional 10 hours per week. If you, or someone you know is interested, please send resumes to: robinjonesnc@yahoo.com for immediate consideration!



Worship Committee
Meeting
Tuesday, August 12
6:30 pm
Room #227

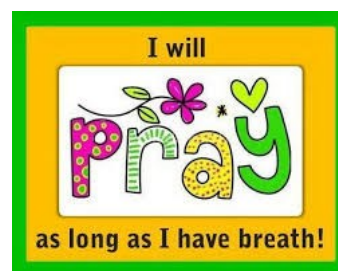
Prayer Shawl Knitting Group



Wednesday, August 13

10:00 am - Room #232

New knitters and crocheters are always welcome! Contact Dawn Michaud for more information at 919-774-1121.



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).



Ladies Lunch & Learn

Next Gathering:
Wednesday,
August
20

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!*

Enjoy these pictures from our July 30th gathering! To make a reservation for August 20, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel by text at 828-430-1312 or email at charlottebrendel@yahoo.com.



Friendship, Fellowship, and Faith





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. It is time to expand the joy!

Let us dream together and see how God will expand this ministry. What new "Marigolds" will join us as mentors who are willing to spend time building relationships and offering support to younger women? Who will be our new young "Roses" this year looking for meaningful friendships with more seasoned women who provide care and love? It is time to share our love and joy and add to this beautiful garden of women's fellowship as we begin Year #3.

Are you interested in learning more about this ministry? Is God calling you to be a Marigold or Rose? We believe God desires to 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 expand this ministry and allow it to bear much fruit.

If you are a woman interested in learning more, please reach out to a member of our Leadership Team: Renee Keen, Jennifer Bryant, Susanne Heins, Katie Harris, or Rev. Charlotte Brendel (or call the church office). We will assign a Marigold to a Rose, then announce the new pair at our Kick-Off event. It will be such a joy-filled, fun gathering!



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

Introducing our NEW
Marigolds and Roses
for Year #3!

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:

DOWNLOAD THE APP | VISIT THE WEBSITE | CONVENIENTLY GIVE



Adult Summer Bible Study "Signs of the Savior:"

A 4-Week Study on the Miracles of Jesus"

Mondays in August: August 4, 11, 18 & 25

4 - 5 pm in Room #222/224

Led by Ronnie Jones and Bob Hughes

***Each week is a stand-alone study, so come whenever you can.
Be sure to bring your Bible. There is no other book required.***

Week 1: Miracles of Healing. Jesus shows his compassion and authority over sickness

Matthew 8:1-4 - Jesus heals a man with leprosy

Mark 2:1-12 - Jesus heals a paralyzed man

Luke 8:43-48 - Jesus heals a woman with the issue of blood

Miracle of Healing



Week 2: Miracles Over Nature. Jesus demonstrates power over the natural world, affirming his divine identity.

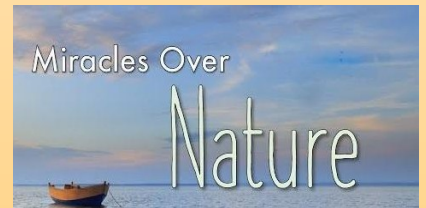
Matthew 14:22-33 - Jesus walks on water

Mark 4:35-41 - Jesus calms the storm

John 2:1-11 - Jesus turns water into wine

Miracles Over

Nature

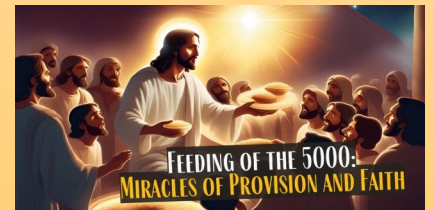


Week 3: Miracles of Provision. Jesus meets physical needs and reveals himself as the Bread of Life.

Matthew 14:13-21 - Feeding of the 5,000

Luke 5:1-11 - The miraculous catch of fish

John 6:25-35 - Jesus, the Bread of Life



Week 4: Miracles of Deliverance. Jesus has power over spiritual darkness and brings complete freedom.

Matthew 17:14-20 - Deliverance of a boy with a demon

Mark 5:1-20 - Jesus heals a demon-possessed man

Luke 4:31-37 - Jesus drives out an impure spirit

**Miracles of:
Deliverance**



Everyone is invited to participate. Bring a friend! To register, please contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012, or sign up in Sunday School or on the bulletin boards.



Be on the Lookout!

Project Agape Shoe Boxes Will Be Available August 10th!

Once again, we will be adopting shoeboxes to be filled with items for distribution in Armenia. It is especially crucial as many of the people who lived in the formerly contested area of Nagorno-Karabakh have been displaced and forced to resettle into

new areas. Project Agape is still going strong under the able leadership of Director Nara Melkonyan. Donations of household goods and shoeboxes are being delivered to Armenia and distributed to the people. Monetary donations are vital for job training purposes and helping to establish cottage industries.

Most of the shoebox items that are needed are easy to find. However, we have purchased flat-fold diapers and plastic pants for those who choose to fill boxes for ages 0-2 years. Those items are difficult to find. Gloves also remain elusive in the south in August! They are easy to obtain from Amazon. (Be sure to check by the tables to see if someone has left extra gloves, socks or underwear that may be used for your box.) Our Prayer Shawl folks are providing hats for the various age groups (male and female). We have them made already, but will likely insert them into the boxes when they are returned by September 7th. Each box will need to be checked by our team so the sooner you return them, the better!

If you wish to begin your shopping early, three age groups will need common school items: 24 pack of crayons, pack of markers (washable for younger children), box of colored pencils, box of #2 pencils, pack of erasers, pencil sharpener, toothbrush (single package), small notepad, metric ruler, comb/brush set. Specific lists will be available August 10th with the shoeboxes.

Male and female age groups are as follows: infant-2 years; ages 3-6; ages 7-12; and ages 13-18.

Remember! If an item you wish to include will not fit in a shoebox with the other items, it cannot be shipped!



Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch

On Sunday, August 17, adult Christian singles age 50+ are invited to meet for a "Dutch Treat" lunch at 12:15 pm at Davison's Restaurant. This includes men and women age 50+ who have lost a spouse, divorced, or never married. This is a NEW MINISTRY at Saint Luke UMC created for sharing a meal together and enjoying fellowship.

Lunch reservations are required. To reserve a seat, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel or the church office (919-776-2012). **Reservation deadline is Thursday, August 14.**



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



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 8/13 and 8/27.
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!!





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

SPACES LIMITED. SECURE YOUR TABLE!
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!





CUB SCOUTS' CORNER

Cub Scout Pack 942 has had an excellent summer, hiking at Raven Rock State Park and White Pines Nature Preserve, and having "Summer Fun Nights" with Water Bottle Rockets, Map & Compass, and Knot Night!



Pack 942 at the Confluence of the Rocky and Deep Rivers

Our coming year of Scouting starts on Monday, August 18th at 7pm with a Parents Interest meeting in the DCLC, and our first Pack meeting on Monday, September 8th at 7pm.

Cub Scouts can start as early as Kindergarten, before moving up to the Scout Troop during the second half of Fifth Grade.

Some of the events we're looking forward to this year: Pack 942 Campout and Movie night, Council Spook-o-ree, the Sanford Christmas Parade, Christmas Party, the Pinewood Derby, Spring Camp-o-ree and our Blue and Gold Banquet.



Pack 942 on the BB range at Camp Durant

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

First Work Day: Friday, August 15th

Do you enjoy handyman-type projects? If so, consider joining our new "Friday Friends Team" ministry. Projects around the church are always ongoing. There is much to be done! We are establishing a team of volunteers to help with a variety of work, including replacing light bulbs, repairing broken items, building shelves, organizing closet space, deep cleaning areas, cleaning classrooms, etc. Our "Friday Friends Team" will meet on Fridays from 9 am until 12 noon for fellowship through working on projects together. This is another way to develop relationships while having some fun!

Our first "Friday Friends Team" workday is Friday, August 15. We will gather for coffee and donuts at 8:30 am in Room #222/224, then begin our work at 9:00 am. For our first workday, we will focus on replacing light bulbs throughout the church, and cleaning tables in Sunday school rooms. Please bring cleaning supplies such as Clorox or other cleaner, sponges, a small bucket for water, and gloves. Light bulbs are provided.

If you are interested in joining our "Friday Friends" Team, contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel (charlottebrendel@yahoo.com) or call the church office (919-776-2012).

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

8/10	Gus Gomez
8/17	Denise Hedrick
8/24	Gus Gomez

Upcoming Packing Teams

8/10	Harrington / Showalter
8/17	Heins / Spitler
8/24	TBD / Phillips

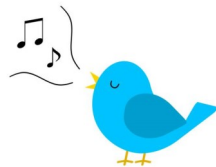
Loving God, Loving Others.



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

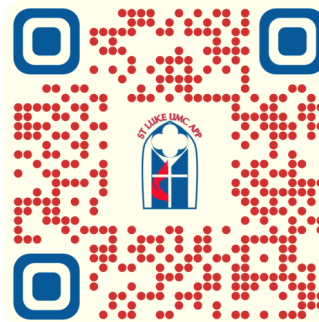
"Let God's
promises
shine
on your
problems."



Corrie ten Boom

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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 10	(9:00)	Beth & Danny Hart
	(11:00)	Ted Havens
August 17	(9:00)	Chad & Anna Stinson
	(11:00)	Beverly O'Donnell
August 24	(9:00)	Buck & Katie Harris
	(11:00)	Jan Hayes

Scripture Readers Schedule



August 10

8:30	Shirley Joyner
9:00	Dare Wright
11:00	Bob Joyce

August 17

8:30	Bill Towson
9:00	Bob Hughes
11:00	Liz McGrath

August 24

8:30	Sandra Hancock
9:00	Gabby McCalister
11:00	Becky Whitaker

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship

August 10	Ned Heins
August 17	Scott Phillips
August 24	Rex Scott



DCLC (9:00 worship)

August: Lisa Foushee and Lisa Harrington

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

August: Sylvia Pepper and Linda Morton



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!



If you would like to be part of the **Saint Luke Marketing Team**, please contact the church office at 919-776-2012. Join the team!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 6—13

Birthdays:

(8/6) Jean Gaertner
Harris Post

(8/8) Susan Davis
Cole Spivey
Maggie Womble

(8/9) William Grant
Jacob Hill

(8/11) Phil Bradley
Cassie Gay
Kay Stout
Jay Tatum

(8/12) Taylor Bryant Berrier
Aubrey Hackett
Jennifer Perry
Cindy Rannells
Carter Vernon

(8/13) Sarah Curry
Beulah Mooneyham
Sharon Spence

Anniversaries

(8/7) Ted & Claudia Key

(8/8) Elwin & Sarah Buchanan

(8/10) Mike & Susan Laudate

(8/11) Stewart & Sheila Forbes

(8/12) Ronnie & Kathy Jones
Billy Liggett & Jennifer St. Clair

(8/13) John & Chris Burns

membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 8/3/25	\$22,705.00
Restricted Funds Received 8/3/25	\$615.00

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			
Week 3	*512	*890			
Week 4	*546	*844			
Week 5					
August Avg.	*529	*861	*309		

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

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Giving

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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
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*Prayer Requests
Received as of August 6, 2025*

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Lisa Harden	Pat Mace	Georgann Roberts
Judy Baker	George Harvey	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Irene Smith
Chris Burns	Marsha Havens	Liz McGrath	Patsy & Ira Smith
Sarah Curry	Whitney Hines, and Daisy	Dawn Michaud	Mackenzie Stinson
Jean Davenport	Lloyd Jennings	Theresa Miller	Nancy Thomas
Susan Davis	Mary Kesler	Beulah Mooneyham	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

Other Known Prayer Requests

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

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!

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
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