

The + Acts

December 17, 2025

A Magical Night!!

"The Sounds of Christmas" Extravaganza for Women was attended by over 300 women in the greater Sanford community. This is an outreach ministry to ladies

in our church and community, extending gracious hospitality and welcome while enjoying an evening of warm fellowship, a delicious meal, beautiful music of the season, and hearing the story of Christmas. A big THANK YOU to the Women's Events and Retreats Planning Team, who spent many months planning all the details for a successful evening: Beverly Suitt, Chair; Shanna Kelly, Margie Washburn, Pat Sindelir, Sally Porter, Toni Hickerson, Diane Mason, Helen Yarborough, Marsha Havens, and Rev. Charlotte Brendel. The Planning Team is grateful for the many women who helped as food servers, tablescap designers, hostesses, check-in volunteers, set up and take down, and washing tablecloths.

The Seekers Sunday School Class sponsored guest musician, jazz saxophonist extraordinaire, Bill Mann. Also, as part of the evening, a missions offering of \$880 was collected to support the Women's Shelter in Sanford and North Carolina Hurricane Relief.

The date for our 2026 Christmas Extravaganza is **Tuesday, December 8, 2026**. The theme is **"Christmas Around the World."** We hope many more women will join us in 2026! *(see more pictures inside!)*



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

December 19-20 Rev. Charlotte Brendel; December 26-27: Rev. Judy Drye;
January 2-3: 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

December 17, 2025—January 7, 2026

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
10:30 am Preschool Nativity Program—Sanctuary
2:00 pm Funeral Service for Mary Kesler—
Sanctuary
3:00 pm Visitation for Kesler Family—Parlor
5:30 pm SPRC Meeting—Conference Room

Thursday, December 18

12:00 pm Keenagers—Room #222/224
5:30 pm Pickleball—Davenport CLC

Saturday, December 20

9:00 am Liturgical Dance Rehearsal—
Sanctuary
10:00 am Children's Pageant Rehearsal—
Sanctuary

Sunday, December 21

10:00 am Worship Service with Children's
Pageant—Sanctuary
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen

Monday, December 22

Tuesday, December 23

Office Closed (Holiday)
5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Office Closed (Holiday)
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and
Communion Service—Sanctuary
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and
Communion Service—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 25—Merry Christmas!

Office Closed (Holiday)

Sunday, December 28—Membership Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service with Baptism of Karlyn
Castleberry—Davenport CLC
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Sunday School
Class—Room #222/224
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—
Room #233
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen

Tuesday, December 30

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC

Wednesday, December 31

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live

Thursday, January 1—Happy New Year!

Office Closed (Holiday)

Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Sunday School
Class—Room #222/224
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—
Room #233
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen

Monday, January 5

6:00 pm United Methodist Men—Rm. #222/224

Tuesday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 7

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.



Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 23, 24, and 25, and on Thursday, January 1. Additionally, some staff will be taking vacation days, so over the holidays we may not keep regular office hours. If you need to visit the church office between December 23 and January 5, please call 919-776-2012 before you come to make sure someone is here.

**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
to you all!**



The Pastors' Page

*"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*

Every year we spend a lot of time with the prophet Isaiah during the season of Advent. The prophet brings word of the coming of the Messiah and how God will bring about a change for good throughout God's creation. Although the verse cited above is not included in this year's annual Advent lectionary passages, I love the thought of God making a way where there seems to be no way ... of God doing a new thing.

Since this will be the last pastor's letter for 2025, I want to share some of the ways that God is doing new things here at Saint Luke. The past year saw 29 new members welcomed into our church family, along with the baptisms of 12 infants and children. We are scheduled to close out the year with at least one more family taking the official step into membership on December 28. God has indeed done a new thing in the lives and spiritual journeys of these new Saint Luke family members.

Along with those who made Saint Luke their official church home, we have been blessed with new faces at each of our three services. There is an excitement in the air and we are experiencing the very best kind of evangelism—individuals telling others about the good things going on at Saint Luke and personally inviting them to come and see. With a very promising 2026 Confirmation Journey scheduled to take place in the spring, I am convinced that our church will continue to see positive numerical growth (we have averaged 30 – actually 29.75 to be exact—new members annually for the past four years).

In the coming year, we expect two new physical additions to our church campus. The Trustees have approved the building of a memorial area behind the Casey Chapel. This sacred space will be used for the scattering of loved ones' ashes (often referred to as a Scatter Garden at other churches). Also, we hope to have a new quarter-mile walking trail in place before Easter. The "Walk Way" will be on the other side of our church pond. The trail will provide space for memorial trees to be planted, as well as placing benches in honor of individuals. Our preschool students and various age groups will be able to experience planting flower boxes and enjoying other outside activities. Just as our incredible playground has served as a welcoming beacon in our neighborhood, this new trail will be an additional and unique way of saying that all are welcome at our church.

These are just a few of the many scenarios in which God has been doing new things at Saint Luke. God has blessed this church abundantly. Our church family has responded faithfully by making a difference in so many ways and places. I look forward to seeing what lies ahead. As we draw to a close one year and prepare to enter the next, I do so with the confidence that God will continue to make a way. I am convinced that we will be blessed to see and experience the new things for which God is making a way.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the good people of Saint Luke! Thank you again for being a difference-making church. It is truly a joy to walk alongside you.

Preacherman

The Sounds of Christmas Women' Event





Angel Breakfast 2025

The collage consists of 20 individual photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The photos capture various moments from the event:

- Top left: A close-up of a baby in a plaid angel costume with white wings.
- Top center: Five children in angel costumes sitting on a white sheet on a wooden floor.
- Top right: A young boy in a plaid shirt and khaki pants sitting on a white sheet.
- Second row, left: A girl in a pink angel costume sitting on a white sheet.
- Second row, center-left: A woman in a green dress holding two children in white angel costumes.
- Second row, center-right: A close-up of a boy and a girl in angel costumes.
- Second row, right: A girl in a red and white checkered angel costume and a boy in a plaid shirt sitting on a white sheet.
- Third row, left: A girl in a plaid angel costume sitting on a white sheet.
- Third row, center-left: A girl in a blue angel costume with a large white bow in her hair.
- Third row, center-right: A woman in a pink shirt sitting on the floor with several children.
- Third row, right: A girl in a red angel costume and a boy in a grey sweatshirt sitting on a white sheet.
- Fourth row, left: A woman in a red and white striped shirt sitting on the floor with a girl in a pink dress.
- Fourth row, center-left: A woman in a white shirt serving food at a table with a white tablecloth.
- Fourth row, center-right: A girl in a red angel costume standing in a room.
- Fourth row, right: A woman in a black dress standing in a room.
- Fifth row, left: A man in a grey sweater holding a baby in a red shirt.
- Fifth row, center-left: A girl in a white angel costume with a red bow in her hair.
- Fifth row, center-right: A woman in a red shirt holding a girl in a red angel costume.
- Fifth row, right: A man in a red vest sitting on the floor with a girl in a pink dress.

 There are also two small cards at the bottom right, one of which says 'Angel Breakfast 2025'.





Muffins by the Manger 2025







Children's
Christmas Pageant
"The Gift"

Sunday, December 21
10 am in the Sanctuary

Our Children's Ministry will present their annual pageant
as part of our combined worship service on Sunday, December 21.
Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Eve
Candlelight and
Communion Services
4:00 pm
and
9:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule
Wednesday, December 24



ADVENT and the ARK

During Advent, we will be collecting specific items to be shared with our neighbors through the ARK. Each week during Advent will be different items. As we remember and give thanks for Jesus, the Greatest Gift of All, please bring your gifts of the following items to the collection containers in the Williams Lobby and Perry Foyer:

November 30: Toilet paper and individual packages of baby wipes

December 7: Hand warmers, toboggans, and gloves (mostly men's size large are needed, but all donations are welcome—even children's gloves!)

December 14: Sleeping bags and blankets (new, or gently used; if used, please make sure they are clean)

December 21: New bath towels, washcloths, and individually wrapped bars of soap

*Let's share Love,
Joy, Peace, Hope,
and JESUS
with our neighbors!*



UNITED METHODIST MEN



**January Meeting:
Monday, January 5
6:00 pm - Room #222/224**

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

Kick off the new year by coming to United Methodist Men! We always have great fellowship and a delicious dinner prepared by Mike Laudate. Our programs are informative—and we do a lot of good in our church and community! Meet and greet will begin at 6:00 pm in Room #222/224. Dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by our program. Cost for dinner is \$10. 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 \$75 may be paid to Bob Sanford. Sign up in your Sunday School class or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012. Men of all ages are welcome to join us!

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

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for December 21, 2025

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Scriptures for December 28, 2025

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

Scriptures for January 4, 2026

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18



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.



We Need You

Help Us Finish the Year **STRONG!!**

Our attendance for this year is below last year's average, and we need YOUR help to get it back up before the end of the year. Hope to see you in church this Sunday!!



A Christmas Miracle is Needed!

There's a male student from Kazakhstan currently in the Sanford who is in **immediate need of a host family**. He's already registered in school here and needs a home to ensure this is a positive and complete experience.

Please contact Halie Conners (919-770-1100 or halie.conners.826@gmail.com) with any questions about the exchange student experience as they have previously served as a host family. And please spread the word!



Saint Luke UMC Sweatshirts Are Ready!

Sweatshirt Pick-Up Instructions

Payment for sweatshirts is due at pick-up. All sweatshirts are \$20 each.

Pick up and pay at one of the following times:

Sunday, December 14

8:30–10:15 a.m. in the Williams Lobby
10:30–11:00 a.m. in the Perry Foyer

Sunday, December 21

9:30–10:00 a.m. in the Perry Foyer

Advent 2025 at Saint Luke

First Sunday of Advent—November 30

- ◆ 8:30 am Worship—Casey Chapel
- ◆ 9:00 am Worship—Davenport CLC
- ◆ 10:00 am Sunday School
- ◆ 11:00 am Worship—Sanctuary

Monday, December 1

- ◆ 7:00 pm Sanford Christmas Parade—Saint Luke's float will be "Chillin' with Jesus"

Tuesday, December 2

- ◆ 6:00 pm Church-wide Christmas Celebration—Davenport CLC

Saturday, December 6

- ◆ 6:30 pm An Old-Fashioned Christmas Concert Hosted by the Wicker Street Band featuring Curtis Moore and Abby Sabiston—Davenport CLC

Second Sunday of Advent—December 7

- ◆ 8:30 am Worship—Casey Chapel
- ◆ 9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary
- ◆ 10:00 am Sunday School
- ◆ 11:00 am Worship—Sanctuary
- ◆ 7:00 pm Moravian Love Feast—Sanctuary

Thursday, December 11

- ◆ 6:00 pm The Sounds of Christmas Women's Event (ticketed) - Davenport CLC

Third Sunday of Advent—December 14

- ◆ 9:00 am Angel Breakfast (for preschoolers) - Davenport CLC
- ◆ 9:00 am Muffins by the Manger (for K-5th grades) - Davenport CLC
- ◆ 10:00 am Sunday School (optional)
- ◆ 11:00 am Worship with Christmas Cantata "*Sing Joy to All the World*"—Sanctuary
- ◆ 5:30 pm Drive-thru Live Nativity (until 7:00 pm)

Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 21

- ◆ 10:00 am Children's Christmas Pageant, "The Gift," and Worship—Sanctuary (One worship service; no Sunday school)

Christmas Eve— December 24

- ◆ 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service—Sanctuary
- ◆ 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service—Sanctuary

First Sunday of Christmas—December 28—Membership Sunday

- ◆ 8:30 am Worship—Casey Chapel
- ◆ 9:00 am Worship—Davenport CLC
- ◆ 10:00 am Sunday School
- ◆ 11:00 am Worship—Sanctuary

Epiphany Sunday—January 4

- ◆ 8:30 am Worship—Casey Chapel
- ◆ 9:00 am Worship—Davenport CLC
- ◆ 10:00 am Sunday School
- ◆ 11:00 am Worship—Sanctuary



Books, Books, Books ... Christmas Books!

We have brought back our Traveling Library to feature some Christmas titles from the upstairs library. Please feel free to check them out to share with your family over the holidays!



End-of-Year Contributions

Please remember that all donations for the 2025 tax year must be **received or postmarked by December 31, 2025**. Contributions may be placed in the offering plate, mailed, or brought to the church office.

Reimbursements

Receipts for reimbursement for 2025 budget matters must be submitted to Pat Angel in the church office **no later than Monday, December 29th**.

Important Announcement!!!

**ATTENTION
PLEASE**

We will be changing over our accounting system during the first week of January. During this time, we will not be able to issue any checks. Books for 2026 will open on January 12, 2026.

Adults age 65 and up are invited to
KEENAGERS
Thursday, December 18
at 12 noon
in Room #222/224

Please sign up by Monday, December 15.
Call the church office or sign up in Sunday School.
Cost for lunch is \$6.00.
The fun is free!!

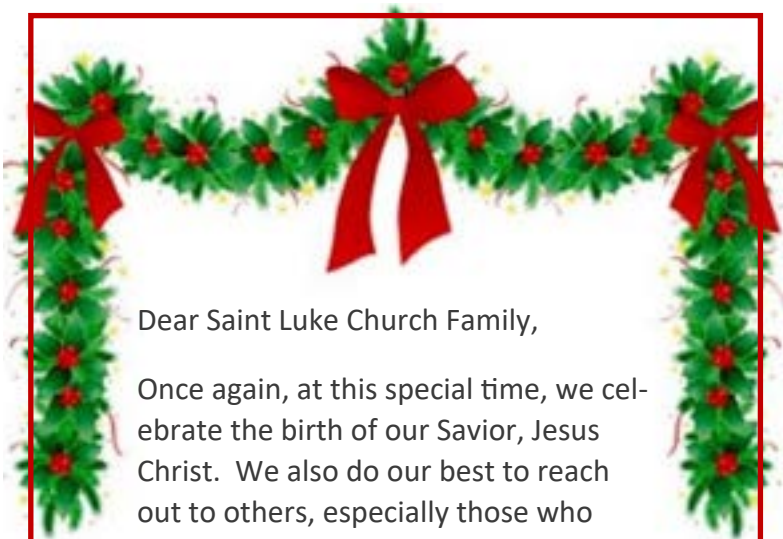


SAVE THE DATE!
Saint Luke

**LEADERSHIP
TRAINING**

**Saturday, January 10th
9:00 - 11:30 am
Davenport CLC**

**This event is for ALL
COMMITTEE CHAIRS and
COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**



Dear Saint Luke Church Family,

Once again, at this special time, we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also do our best to reach out to others, especially those who mean a lot to us.

On behalf of the Staff Parish Committee, I extend an invitation to the congregation to show our love and appreciation to our Pastors and Staff who serve us faithfully, going above and beyond to be a blessing to us.

St. Paul reminds us in his first letter to Timothy (5:17), "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." And, to the Thessalonians (5:12) he writes, "Make sure that you show your deep appreciation for those who cherish you and diligently work as ministers among you."

To fulfill this biblical call, we invite you to join us in prayer for them during this season and share the good things God has given you to show our appreciation and care for these servants.

For those who are willing and able, send your special offering to Pat Angel at the church office by Monday, December 22nd. Or, you can place your gift in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Please note "Staff Love Offering" on your gift. Feel free to include a note of thanks to our pastors and staff.

May God continue to bless Saint Luke Church and each member of our church family as we grow in our generosity and joy in giving.

Blessing of the Season to Everyone,

Robin Jones, Chair
Staff Parish Relations Committee



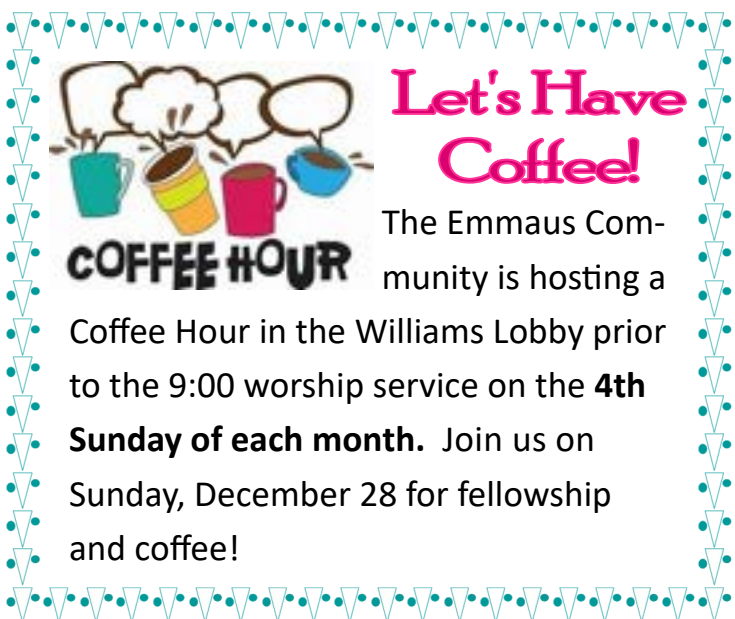
Membership Sunday: December 28, 2025

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 if you have questions.

Find your place at Saint Luke!



We are blessed with a wonderful facility in which to worship and serve God and we want to maintain it as God's house should be maintained! If you see anything around the church that needs attention ... things that are broken, dirty, need repair, light bulbs that need replacing, etc., please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-2012 or charlottebrendel@yahoo.com. We need your help to "see" things in the building that need attention—and then to "say" what you have seen so that we can fix it!



Let's Have Coffee!

The Emmaus Community is hosting a

Coffee Hour in the Williams Lobby prior to the 9:00 worship service on the **4th Sunday of each month**. Join us on Sunday, December 28 for fellowship and coffee!

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



Saint Luke UMC is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

in the Davenport Christian Life Center

To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org.

Walk-ins are also welcome!

GRIEF COUNSELING AVAILABLE



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.



**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 head-count so that we may plan accordingly.**



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.



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 UMYF is Looking for Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers who love youth and are willing to build mentor-like relationships with all of our youth—to walk alongside them in their faith journey, life circumstances, struggles, and celebrations. If you'd like to volunteer, please visit our website (saintlukeumc.org), click on the "Our Ministries" tab, then the "Youth Ministry" tab, then scroll to the bottom and click on the "UMYF Volunteer Application" button.

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!

2026

Confirmation

Journey



**Coming Spring of 2026 ...
the Confirmation Journey!**

Youth in sixth grade and up
are invited to join the journey.
Call the church office to register (919-776-2012)!

Come join us!



Join Pastor Eddie and Nita on Our Trip to Greece!

Journeys of Paul Tour

April 14-24, 2026

Still interested in traveling to Greece and Turkey with Eddie and Nita, but missed the deadline?

Contact Wilcox Travel as soon as possible (800-438-5828 or tourinfo@wilcoxtravel.com) to see if there's space remaining on a case-by-case basis ... and don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime!



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!!

BREAKFAST



All men are welcome!

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

Upcoming dates are 12/3* and 12/17*, 1/14 and 1/28. Cost is \$7.

WEDNESDAY



Food Lion Feeds ... and So Does Saint Luke!

If you shop at **Food Lion in Tramway**, here is an easy way to help support our ARK friends. **When you pay for your regular purchases, consider purchasing a "Food Lion Feeds" box for only \$6.12 more. Tell them you are from Saint Luke**

UMC and would like to take your box with you.

Bring your box to Saint Luke to be distributed to families through the ARK on Sunday afternoons.

This is only through the **Tramway location** of Food Lion.

*"For I was hungry and you fed me."
Matthew 25:35a*

Foundation Moment The Gift That Keeps on Giving!!

During the months of November and December, we are often focused on the needs of others and on gifts. For many years, the Saint Luke Foundation has been "gifting" our church facility, missions supported by our church, charitable organizations in our community and needy seminary students. Please consider an end of the year contribution to our Foundation fund. Every contribution is deposited into our account. The growth of our invested funds provides the Foundation with the ability each year to award Foundation Grants. In 2025, the total of Foundation grants awarded was **\$71,650**. No contribution is too small, and the interest on your contributed funds will continue to provide "gifts" in the form of grants for many years to come!



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, GENTLY USED WINTER JACKETS/COATS, 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

12/21 Terri Kirkman
 12/28 Denise Hedrick
 1/4 TBD

Upcoming Packing Teams

12/21 Peele / Spitler
 12/28 Osborne / Phillips
 1/4 Kelly / Osborne

Loving God, Loving Others.



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).

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 ...

Psalms 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

"Don't let
hurry
rush you
past the
holiness
of this
sacred season."



Unknown

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the Saint Luke App!

If you're not one of them, don't miss out -

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**You'll have the
church calendar,
website,
social media,
the Bible,
giving,
and sermons
at your fingertips!**



**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.

Dec. 21 ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am
Philip & Shanna Kelly and Beverly O'Donnell

Dec. 28 (9:00) Chad & Anna Stinson
(11:00) Jan Hayes

Jan. 4 (9:00) TBD
(11:00) TBD



DCLC (9:00 worship)

December: Renee Keen and Beth Hart

January: Toni Davenport-Morse and Linda Wicker

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

December: Joni Martin (chair), and Charlene Ray

January: Moly Whitaker and Holly Post



*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!

Scripture Readers Schedule



December 21

One Service at **10:00 am**
(Children's Christmas Pageant)

December 28

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

January 4

8:30 am Nancy Thomas
9:00 am TBD
11:00 am Liz McGrath

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



December 21 (10:00) Travis Beal will assist the 11:00 crew upstairs

December 28 Mike Laudate

January 4 Philip Kelly



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 17—Jan. 7

Birthdays:

- (12/17) Imogene Maness,
Austin Nave, Eddie Roseman
(12/18) Shay Benton,
Nita Gregory Hill, Chris Martin,
Ryan Sindelir
(12/19) Chip Post, Nick Sullivan,
Rachel Sullivan, Elaine Whitfield
(12/20) Grace Britton,
Doug Gay, Jr.
(12/21) Treva Chappell
(12/23) Robin Childress,
Emily Grant, Keith Lind,
Ken McNeill, Sandra Roseman
(12/25) Erin Britton,
Carole Troutman
(12/26) Holly Baker,
Hannah Britton, Martha Oldham,
JP Roseman
(12/27) Kathy Jones, Addie Sullivan
(12/28) Ashlee Beal, Marcus Chan,
Everett Cox, Cathy McCoy
(12/29) Ada Rose Buhrman
(12/31) Elwin Buchanan,
Margaret Spivey
(1/1) Leslie Cox, Owen Register
(1/2) Wade Peele,
Michael Tatum, Sr.
(1/3) Mark Arey,
Sherrill Normann, Jacob Seate
(1/4) Meyer Beal, Ellie Buhrman
(1/5) Holly Post
(1/6) Chris Brown, Louise Ray,
Preston Slate
(1/7) Jason Gaertner, Katie Kirkman,
Susan Larsen, Chuck Maness,
Chas Post, Heather Tatum



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 12/14/25	\$24,483.50
Restricted Funds Received 12/14/25	\$1,390.00

December Attendance

	2023	2024	2025	2025 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2025 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*336	*281	*313	36/175/64	38/—
Week 2	*509	*360	*410	-/-/324	86
Week 3	*1170	*605	*		
Week 4	*1378	*378	*		
Week 5	*450	*210	*		
December Avg.	*769	*367	*362		

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

Anniversaries

- (12/17) Grant & Lexie Anne Brown;
Chan & Jennifer Bryant; David & Faith Heeren
(12/18) Chris & Sarah Slate
(12/19) Keith & Sandra Gallagher; Bill & Jackie Petty
(12/22) Phil & Judy Drye; Rob & Carol Knight;
Lynn & Jane Smith; David & Elaine Whitfield
(12/27) Mark & Brenda Arey; Alex & Erin Perryman;
Patrick & Jill Touchard
(12/28) Larry & Nancy Thomas
(12/30) Bill & Charlene Ray
(12/31) Bobby & Halie Conners; Ken & Faye Miller
(1/3) Derek & Erin Borrell





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

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Prayer Requests

Received as of December 17, 2025

Our Known Prayer Needs

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

Other Known Prayer Requests

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

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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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
Youth Ministry
Coordinator of Contemporary Music
Director of Music Ministries
Office Manager
Bookkeeper
Receptionist
Receptionist
AV/IT Coordinator
Preschool Director
Afterschool Director
Organist Emeritus, Posthumous

Rev. Eddie Hill, Elder
Rev. Charlotte Brendel, Deacon
Rev. Judy Drye, Elder
Katherine Holt
Abigail Thompson
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