

The + Acts

December 3, 2025

Welcome, New Member!

A warm Saint Luke welcome is extended to our newest member, **Terri Johnson**, who joined Saint Luke on Sunday, November 23rd during the 9:00 worship service.

Terri is a graduate of both Indiana University SE and Ohio State University, earning a Bachelor's degree at both. Before her retirement, she was a high school science teacher, and taught biology, physical science, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and geology.

In her spare time, Terri enjoys reading, knitting, and sewing quilts. It was at a Red Cross blood drive last spring where she met Preacher Eddie and he invited her to church. We are so glad that she came and that she has now made Saint Luke her church home! Terri is looking forward to getting involved with the ARK ministry. We look forward to worshipping and serving God alongside her. Welcome, Terri!

*"So welcome each other, in the same way
that Christ also welcomed you
for God's glory." Romans 15:7*



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

December 5-6: Rev. Eddie Hill

December 12-13: Rev. Judy Drye

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



SAINT LUKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SANFORD, NC



Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events
December 3—December 10, 2025

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
9:00 am Salvation Army Bell Ringing—
Lowe's Foods (until 7:00 pm)
9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Thursday, December 4

1:30 pm Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion—
Parkview

Saturday, December 6

6:30 pm Wicker Street Band Christmas Concert—
Davenport CLC

Sunday, December 7

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service with Baptism of Greta
Conners—Sanctuary
9:30 am Kingdom Kids Rehearsal—Room #114
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones—Room #222/224
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter—Room #235
10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
4:30 pm JAM—Davenport CLC & Rooms 116/118
6:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House
7:00 pm Moravian Love Feast—Sanctuary

Monday, December 8

10:30 am Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group—
Rooms #232 and #231
12:00 pm UWIF Circle #2—Heritage Point
Clubhouse (201 West Oak Way)
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting—Conference Room

Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group—Rm #232
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Music Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.



Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for December 7, 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12



*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.

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!



The Pastors' Page

"While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'"

Luke 24:36-39

While we are in the midst of Advent, I'd like us to consider the resurrected Jesus for a moment. The passage of Luke 24:36-49 describes Jesus' appearance to the disciples after Jesus' resurrection. This passage is informative not just of Jesus' resurrected body, but of all of humanity's future resurrected bodies, as Jesus is the standard for the image of God on all humans. When I say that Jesus is the standard for the image of God, I am saying that because Jesus was the perfect human, Jesus and His life show how God made us to be too. Because all humans are made in the image of God, which would include Jesus. Therefore, Jesus is our template, our standard, our measuring stick, to see what being made in the image of God should look like and what it means for us in our thoughts, actions, emotions, and spiritual life. Immediately in this passage, the reader can see that Jesus' resurrected body is not the same as it was pre-resurrection. Jesus seems to simply appear among the disciples, without entering through a door or a window. Rightfully scared, Jesus' disciples think Jesus is a ghost!

However, the text shows that Jesus appeared to the disciples in a physical body. Because Jesus is the standard for the image of God, Jesus having a physical body post-resurrection is strong evidence for all humans having a physical body post-resurrection, and not just a spiritual essence. However, why does Jesus focus specifically on his "hands and feet" in showing the disciples his body? While the Lukan narrative doesn't include the details of wounds or scars on Jesus' hands and feet, it is implied that the wounds from the nails of the cross are what Jesus is showing his disciples. This means that Jesus still had some mark of the nails in his post-resurrection body, disabling his hands and feet. What is the significance of Jesus having marks on his perfected, post-resurrection body? If Jesus Christ's body is the standard for the image of God, Jesus Christ having wounds in his perfect body could indicate that humans will retain some aspects of their disability in their perfect, resurrected bodies. How might this change our idea of "perfect"? If Jesus' perfect body included disabilities, then perhaps we need to shift our idea of "perfect" and what a "perfect body" is. What if a disabled body is already perfect? What if some disabilities will remain when we are resurrected with Christ? And how should that change how we think about our bodies, disabilities, and people with disabilities today? Jesus is not recognized by his appearance, his words, or his presence, but by his disability. Overall, Luke 24:36-49, shows that Jesus has a physical body post-resurrection, and that his body had wounds from the cross. As the perfect image of God, Jesus' example leads us to believe that we will have a physical body in the resurrection, and it will bear some scars from our time on earth. In the context of advent, it is also important to note that it was through wounds that Christ was born in the labor of Mary. Jesus entered this world through wounds and Jesus left this world with wounds. What might that mean for our wounds?

Abigail

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JOIN US FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 | 6:30PM

→ **HOSTED BY THE WICKER STREET BAND** ←
FEATURING CURTIS MOORE & ABBY SABISTON

Experience the joy of Christmas through beloved carols, uplifting worship, and holiday refreshments. Every donation supports our local mission efforts, helping neighbors in need this season and beyond.



**Admission
By Donation**

2916 Wicker Street Sanford, NC 27330 | www.saintlukeumc.org



The Sounds of Christmas

A Christmas Dinner Extravaganza for Women

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:00-8:00 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Davenport Christian Life Center

Tickets \$15

**Christmas
Concert
Featuring
Bill Mann**

**Love
Offering
for
Missions**

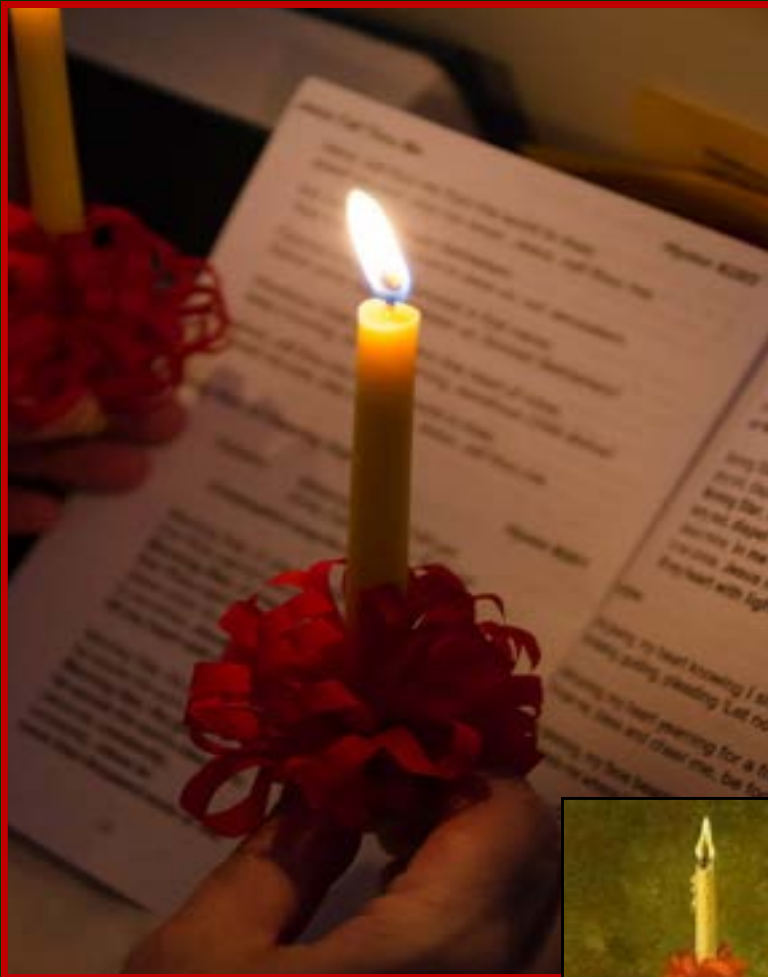


Join us for an unforgettable evening of fine dining with friends. Enjoy a catered meal, beautifully decorated Christmas tables, music, and an entertaining program.

Sponsored by the Seekers Class, this year's Christmas concert will be presented by Bill Mann, a native of Sanford and jazz saxophonist extraordinaire! Bill Mann delivers a smooth jazz performance while playing tunes by various artists. His repertoire includes Smooth Jazz, Classic Jazz, and Christian/Gospel tunes. Accompanied by a digitally recorded full band, Bill plays the tenor, alto, and soprano saxophones. Bill will offer a concert of Christmas music that will surely get you in the Christmas spirit!

Tickets may be purchased from Rev. Charlotte Brendel during church office hours. A Love Offering for Missions will be received. Donations will be given to the Women's Shelter in Sanford and to North Carolina Hurricane Relief.

Purchase your tickets now!



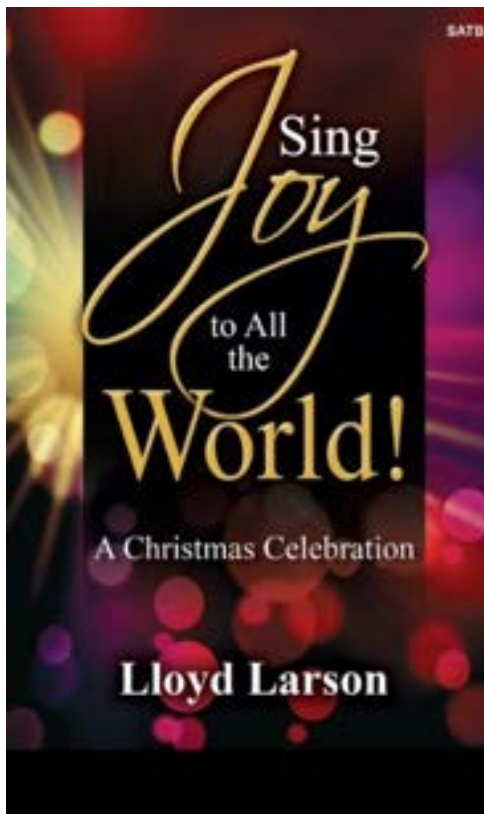
Moravian Love Feast

Sunday, December 7, 2025

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for this special
service of carols,

candlelight, coffee,
and more.



The Saint Luke Sanctuary Choir
accompanied by an orchestra
invites you to come hear as they

"Sing Joy to All the World"

a cantata by Lloyd Larson

on Sunday, December 14
at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary



Live Nativity, 2025!



Invite your friends and neighbors to drive through on

*Sunday, December 14th
from 5:30 - 7:00 pm*

Come see and hear the story of Jesus' birth
portrayed by our very own Saint Luke members!

Sanford Christmas Parade 2025 - "Chillin' with Jesus"



An enormous thank you to the following individuals for helping with this year's Saint Luke UMC Christmas floats: Mark Davenport, Luke Davenport, Jim Murray, Jon Miller, Mary Ann Miller, Michael Tatum, and Mary Tatum. Thank you to Brian Carlyle and Tony Reece for pulling our trailers and thank you to Carolyn Lee, Brookie Brewington, Betty Cameron, and Ashley Suitt, for riding with and keeping the After School Penguins safe. Our 2025 entry in the Sanford Christmas Parade received many favorable responses and everyone seemed to love the penguins. Thank you, Mary Tatum for another incredible float! The igloo was WAY COOL!





Church-wide Christmas Celebration

The United Women in Faith and United Methodist Men held their annual church-wide Christmas Celebration December 2 in the DCLC. Over 100 in attendance enjoyed a catered meal by Aaron Gaines, and entertainment was provided by Sandra Jones. The United Methodist Men's President Leslie Cox recognized Bob Michaud, Harvey Forbes and Gordon Washburn as "Men of Distinction" at Saint Luke. United Women in Faith recognized Dawn Michaud posthumously by presenting two books in her memory to the church library. Betsy James, Ashlee Beal, and Susan Laudate were honored with service pins and a devotion book for their dedication to Saint Luke.





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!*



Christmas Eve Worship Schedule Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve
Candlelight and
Communion Services

4:00 pm
and
9:00 pm
in the Sanctuary



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!!



Order Your Poinsettias!

At Christmas each year, members of Saint Luke are given the opportunity to help make the church festive as we celebrate the birth of our Savior by purchasing poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones. The poinsettias will be placed in the church beginning Sunday, December 14th. If you would like to order one (or more!!) poinsettias, they may be purchased at a cost of \$12.50 each in the church office now through Monday, December 8th.

Please return this form, along with payment, to the church office. Payment must be made at the time of your order. Please make checks payable to Saint Luke UMC, memo line "poinsettias."

(PLEASE PRINT!)

In honor of: _____

In memory of : _____

Given by: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____



Many thanks to our team of Christmas elves
who have beautifully decorated
the church for the Advent Season!



Muffins



by the Manger

Sunday, December 14th
at 9:00 am

in the Davenport CLC

All K—5th graders are welcome!



Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.

For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior, who is **Christ the Lord**

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in
swaddling cloths and lying in a **manger**.

Luke 2:10-12



Angel Breakfast

(for our youngest angels—
birth through preschool)

Sunday, December 14th
at 9:00 am

in the Davenport Christian Life Center

Little angels come with joy to
celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus.
(Bring your mom and dad!)

**"Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy!"**



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



Prayer Shawl Knitting Group



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

New knitters and crocheters are always welcome!

Contact Susan Laudate for more information at
919-770-0804.

Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion Christmas Edition!



Thursday, December 4th
at 1:30 pm

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

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

Adults age 65 and up are invited to

KEENAGERS

Thursday, December 18
at 12 noon
in Room #222/224

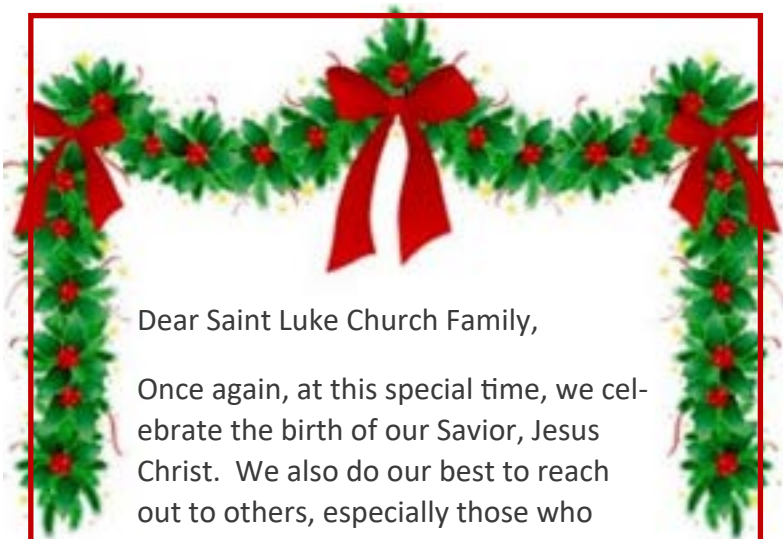
Please sign up by Monday, December 15.
Call the church office or sign up in Sunday School.
Cost for lunch is \$6.00.
The fun is free!!



Angel Tree Thanks!

You did it Saint Luke! 90 children
were blessed with your generosity.
Their Christmas will be joyful be-
cause of you. Thank you for fol-
lowing Jesus and loving our small neighbors. Our
Angel Tree children will wear new clothes and play
with new toys because of you. Mark 9:36-37





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!



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!

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.**

United Women In Faith Circle News



Circle #2 will meet for a Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 8th at 12 noon at the Heritage Pointe Clubhouse (201 West Oak Way). Lunch will be provided. Please let Kay Stout know if you plan

to attend (919-775-2032). **Please bring two Christmas cards in stamped envelopes.**



Circle #8 will not meet in December.

For more information about United Women in Faith, contact Kathy Jones, UWIF President. All women are welcome!

WE THANK OUR

MEALS ON WHEELS



VOLUNTEERS!



Many, many thanks to the United Methodist Men and helpers for delivering Meals on Wheels in November. Our volunteers were: **Tom Coggin, Leslie and Joyce Cox, Ted and Marsha Havens, Neal and Ann Kightlinger, Mike and Susan Laudate, Charles and Martha Oldham, Bob Sanford, and David and Kay Stout.** 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 between 10 am 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, UMW, 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.



Be sure to pick up your copy of our Advent Devotional - written by our members, with artwork by our children. Cover art by Nita Gregory Hill.

Hams Needed For The ARK Christmas Dinner



The ARK team will be serving a delicious Christmas dinner to our ARK friends on Sunday, December 21st. In order to serve all of our friends, we need a total of 12 hams. Several have already been donated, but we still need a few more. **If you'd like to help by donating a ham, please contact Terri Kirkman at 919-774-2779 by Wednesday December 17.** All hams must be received by Friday, December 19.



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!

We have a change in procedure from last week! 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

12/7	Kim Hales
12/14	Gus Gomez
12/21	Terri Kirkman

Upcoming Packing Teams

12/7	Stewart/ Coggins
12/14	Heins / Greybill
12/21	Peele / Spitler

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 ...

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

*"If I teach my son
to keep his eye on the ball
but fail to teach him
to keep his eyes
on Christ,
I have failed as a father."*



Voddie Baucham

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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.

Dec. 7 (9:00) Neal & Ann Kightlinger
(11:00) Ted Havens

Dec. 14 ONE SERVICE at 11:00 am
Jeff & Denise Hedrick and Mary Jo Parks

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



DCLC (9:00 worship)

December: Renee Keen and Beth Hart

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

December: Joni Martin (chair), and Charlene Ray

Scripture Readers Schedule



December 7

8:30 Sara O'Quinn
9:00 Katie Harris
11:00 Robin Jones

December 14

One Service at 11:00 am
(Cantata)

December 21

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



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



December 7 Buck and Will Harris

December 14 Ronnie Jones will assist the 11:00 crew upstairs

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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 3—10

Birthdays:

(12/3) Doug Gay
Gayle Knight
Griffin Tatum

(12/4) Jena Bradley
Stephen Cox
Sophie Davenport
Nancy Thomas

(12/5) Zachary Halverstadt
Morgan Payne

(12/6) Ronnie Jones
Henley Perry

(12/7) Gwen Babcock
Eleanor Cotterell
Scott Phillips

(12/8) Grant Frye
Joe Gay
Mollie Hyde
Sawyer Paderick

(12/10) Travis Beal
Sheila Forbes
Shirley Joyner
Khloe Mohan
David Michael Spivey

Anniversaries

(12/7) Murphy & Jordan Paderick

(12/8) Wade & Daltina Peele

(12/9) Tom & Ann Demaree

(12/10) Bert & Betsy Lucas



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 11/23/25	\$10,006.50
Total Offering General Funds Received 11/30/25	\$9,114.00
Restricted Funds Received 11/23/25	\$590.00
Restricted Funds Received 11/30/25	\$535.00

November Attendance

	2023	2024	2025	2025 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2025 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*534	*431	*367	45/150/105	41/26
Week 2	*590	*345	*256	42/102/60	23/29
Week 3	*460	*1028	*338	43/164/58	28/45
Week 4	*439	*396	*310	32/176/62	19/21
Week 5	*		*316	42/134/81	36/23
November Avg.	*506	*550	*317		

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*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 3, 2025

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Ed Garrison	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Irene Smith
Judy Baker	Lisa Harden	Liz McGrath	Patsy & Ira Smith
Chris Burns	Marsha Havens	Jon Miller	Mackenzie Stinson
Sarah Curry	Whitney Hines, and Daisy	Beulah Mooneyham	Nancy Thomas
Jean Davenport	Lloyd Jennings	Dave Nave	Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard
Susan Davis	Mary Kesler	Betty Newell	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Susie Dixon	Claudia Key	Parker Normann	Kristin Vernon
Janet Edrington	Susan Larsen	Jan Olsen	Gordon Washburn
Harvey Forbes	Dorothy Lloyd	Nick Porter	David Whitfield
Linda Fowler	Mary Loving	Bill Ray	Heather McCoy Wicker
Sandra Gallagher	May Mace	Georgann Roberts	Judi Womack
Keith Garner (USS Gettysburg)	Pat Mace		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	Rev. Al Hocutt	Phyllis O'Keef	Denny Swarmer
Karen and Brian Caldwell	Margaret Hubbard	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Jane Thomas
Kenny Cole	Rick Huneycutt	Greg Patterson	Dr. Vance Thomas
Norman Cooper	Jamie Hunt	Wade and Janie Peele	Lavelle and Sharon Waters
Jamie Covil	Beckisue Brown Joyner	Helen Krick Poole	Jimmy Wilkins
Jeff Cummings	Scott Keller	Kate Redenbaugh	William Beckett "Beck"
Linda & Dalton Davis	David Lane	Andy Reeder	Woodell
Pat Dillon	Rebecca Kesler Laster	Tina Rickard	Connie Zaring
Diedre Dowdy	Betty Lawrence	Barbara Rivera	

Sympathy to . . .

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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
Curtis Moore
Rodney Oldham
Laura Alverson
Pat Angel
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