

The + Acts

September 24, 2025

Welcome, New Members!

A warm Saint Luke welcome is extended to our newest members, who joined Saint Luke on Sunday, September 21 during the 9 o'clock worship service.

Angie Mansfield is a graduate of UNC Greensboro with a degree in Accounting. She is the Senior Manager of Environmental Accounting at Circle K Stores, Inc. In her spare time, she enjoys pickleball, gardening, and working outside in the yard. She is a member of the Seekers Sunday School class. It was heart-warming to see so many of the members of that class, as well as some pickleball friends, stand with Angie as she took her membership vows.

We were also delighted to officially welcome four members of the Mo-han family into our membership. Patrick and Holly have four children, but their sons, Iain and Declan are away at college. Patrick served in the military and enjoys fishing. Holly has a degree in Criminal Justice from UNCW, and now

teaches one of the four-year-olds classes at Saint Luke Preschool. She enjoys CrossFit, walking, the beach, spending time with family, and working outside. Khloe recently graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in Elementary Education and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Literacy Education from ASU. Keeley attends Lee County High School, where she is a junior. She enjoys volleyball and arts and crafts.

We welcome each of you, and look forward to worshipping and serving God alongside you!



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

September 26-27: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

October 3-4: Rev. Eddie Hill; October 10-11: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

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





Saint Luke UMC Calendar of Events



September 24—October 15, 2025

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #227
1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #228

Friday, September 26

5:00 pm Davison/Jeffries Wedding Rehearsal—
Sanctuary

Saturday, September 27

4:00 pm Youth Project—Harriss Youth House
4:30 pm Davison/Jeffries Wedding—Sanctuary

Sunday, September 28

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Friends In Christ Class—Room #232
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm #231
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
4:30 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
4:30 pm JAM —DCLC and Room #116/118
6:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, September 29

Tuesday, September 30

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
10:00 am Visitation for Hawley Family—Parlor
11:00 am Funeral Service for Ginnie Hawley—
Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 1

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Live Dinner—DCLC
6:30 pm WNL Upper Room—Room #221/223
6:30 pm WNL Words that Changed ... - Rm. #227
6:30 pm Painting Class—Room #222/224
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Thursday, October 2

10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
1:30 pm Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion—
Parkview (1801 Wicker Street)
2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)

Friday, October 3

2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)

Saturday, October 4

11:00 am Funeral Service for Nan Lehmann—
Sanctuary
12:15 pm Visitation at Lehmann family home—
715 Valley Road, Sanford
2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)

Sunday, October 5

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Friends In Christ Class—Room #232
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm #231
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
4:30 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
4:30 pm JAM —DCLC and Room #116/118
6:00 pm Church Council Meeting—Casey Chapel
6:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, October 6

2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)
6:00 pm United Methodist Men Steak Night! -
Room #222/224

Tuesday, October 7

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
8:00 am Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
Meetings—Upstairs Classrooms
9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
1:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive—Davenport CLC
2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)

Wednesday, October 8

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group—Rm. #232
2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Live Dinner—DCLC
6:30 pm WNL Upper Room—Room #221/223
6:30 pm WNL Words that Changed ... - Rm. #227
6:30 pm Painting Class—Room #222/224
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Thursday, October 9

10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
12:15 pm Lunch Bunch Readers—Room #222/224
1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #228
2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." -John 10:10

Do you trust God to take you where you need to go? You can when you realize that He wants to get you there even more than you want to get there. Sometimes the journey involves some patience and waiting on our part. Before we can co-pilot with God, we need to go through some pilot training. If we skip straight to piloting, we will most likely spend most of our time confused, afraid and frustrated, but God doesn't want that for us. He wants us to enjoy the ride and have an abundant life (John 10:10). A dear friend recently reminded me to enjoy the process and the delays because it's in those moments that we prepare for a much better ride when the promise is here.

Let's be honest, resting our hearts is easy when it's time to chill but when there's chaos, every form of chill and rest goes right out the window. It's way too easy to go down the rabbit hole of worrying about life. Worrying if we have enough money, whether we can start a family and sustain it, whether we'll ever meet the right person or if we can fix issues with the people in our lives. Sometimes we worry about falling ill or losing our loved ones to a horrible sickness. Whether it's a constant worry always in our faces or a nagging concern in the back of our minds, God's truth is that life doesn't have to be like this. He's got a sleep-in-the-storm rest with our names on it.

We don't have to make do with anxious feelings nor do we have to accept fear as our lot in life. We don't have to learn to get used to this frantic worry and pain as the reality of life. A close walk with God is a life where worry and fear have no power. Yes, they will knock on the door of your heart and attempt to trouble you but they can't come in and out as they please anymore. Not when there's a new guard of your heart who will help you deal with them.

The creator of the heavens and the stars can handle what feels like the weight of the world on us. We will always be able to come out of our struggles with a strength and joy we didn't know was possible. Our God is a God who works wonders in the unseen. Right here, right now, I encourage you all to let God be God. Let Him fight your battles. He is bigger than any problem.

The promises of God may seem fleeting or unrealistic but if we hold Him to His word, His intense love for us and His faithfulness to His word will come through for us. May we all cast our cares to Him, even through the faintest prayers!

Katherine

Calendar of Events (continued)

Friday, October 10

- 8:30 am Friday Friends Work Team—Upstairs
2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)
6:00 pm Youth Fishing Night—Home of Buck & Katie Harris (2213 Brookwood Trail)

Saturday, October 11

- 2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)

Sunday, October 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Friends In Christ Class—Room #232
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm #231
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 pm Saint Luke Pumpkin Patch (until 6 pm)
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
4:30 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
4:30 pm JAM —DCLC and Room #116/118
6:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

- 5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room

Wednesday, October 15

- 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
11:30 am Ladies Lunch and Learn—Davison's (1724 Westover Drive)
5:45 pm Wednesday Night Live Dinner—DCLC
6:30 pm WNL Upper Room—Room #221/223
6:30 pm WNL Words that Changed ... - Rm. #227
6:30 pm Painting Class—Room #222/224
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.



Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for September 28, 2025

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 I Timothy 6:6-19
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Luke 16:19-31

Scriptures for October 5, 2025

Lamentations 1:1-6 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Psalm 137 Luke 17:5-10

Scriptures for October 12, 2025

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Psalm 66:1-12 Luke 17:11-19



Flower Donations

The flowers in the Williams Lobby on Sunday, October 5 will be given to the glory of God by Robin and Todd Showalter in celebration of the marriage of Kevin Showalter and Maxxine Meyer on October 5, 2025.

The flowers in the sanctuary and in the Perry Foyer on Sunday, October 5 will be given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peggy and Bill Wyatt by their children, Elizabeth, Franklin, John, and Kathy, and in loving memory of Dr. Stan Davis by his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Victoria "Monty" Davis-Ward.

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 12 will be given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Whitaker on his birthday (October 9) by his family.



No News Until 10/15

Because Laura will be taking a vacation, we will not publish a newsletter for the next two weeks. Our next edition will be on Wednesday, October 15th.

SAINT LUKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God. Loving Others.

SANFORD, NC



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
**BAZAAR
& CRAFT FAIR**

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

Discover one-of-a-kind treasures and shop local this holiday season! Whether you're hunting for the perfect gift or adding festive touches to your home, there's something for everyone!

ARTS • CRAFTS • DECOR
FOOD TRUCK • SWEETS
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
BOOKS • & MUCH MORE!



 SCAN ME

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

BRUNSWICK STEW SALE

Troop 942

\$10 per quart

First batch will be ready around 10 am



Ladies Lunch & Learn

Next Gathering:
Wednesday,
October
15

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

Ladies of all ages are encouraged to come.

Bring a friend!



Our Ladies Lunch and Learn met Wednesday, September 17. We continue our theme "Can I Get a Witness" using Scripture from the Gospel of John. We are exploring stories from women in the Bible who were used by God in a significant way as a witness to God's greater plan for humanity. Our September gathering focused on Jochebed and Miriam, two women in the Old Testament. Jochebed was the mother of Moses and Miriam was his older sister. Both women showed great courage and faith as they played a vital role in saving the life of baby Moses.

Our next Ladies Lunch and Learn is Wednesday, October 15. We meet at 11:30 am at Davison's Restaurant in Sanford. All women are invited to attend.





September 10 - November 19

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



Upcoming Menus:

September 24

Potato Bar and Dessert

October 8

Lasagna or Baked Ziti and Dessert

October 1

Cranberry Chicken and Dessert

October 15

Ham and Dessert

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

New Class Offering for October!

Detach and return the registration form below if you'd like to participate - or call the church office to let us know which date(s) you would like to paint!



Join us for this fun 5 part painting series!
\$20/class, includes all supplies.
St. Luke UMC
Call 828-430-1312 to register.
thepaintedpetal.com

OCTOBER 1
Pumpkin & Sunflowers
6:30 - 7:30
Includes all supplies

OCTOBER 8
Pumpkin & Petals
6:30 - 7:30
Includes all supplies

OCTOBER 15
Shabby Chic Pumpkin
6:30 - 7:30
Includes all supplies

OCTOBER 22
Mum Bouquet
6:30 - 7:30
Includes all supplies

OCTOBER 29
Pumpkin Patch
6:30 - 7:30
Includes all supplies



Sign up for October Painting Classes at Wednesday Night Live!

Please check all dates that you plan to come. Each session is \$20.

_____ 10/1 Pumpkin & Sunflowers

_____ 10/8 Pumpkin & Petals

_____ 10/15 Shabby Chic Pumpkin

_____ 10/22 Mum Bouquet

_____ 10/29 Pumpkin Patch

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



United Women In Faith Circle News

Meetings are Monday, October 13th

Circle #2 will meet at 12 noon at Elizabeth's Pizza.

Circle #8 will meet at 12:00 noon at the church in Room #222/224. Watch your email for information about our hostesses and program. If you are new to Circle #8 and not on the email list, please contact Cathy McCoy for information at 919-770-5940 or tmccoy@windstream.net.

We welcome new members!! Please join us!

For more information about United Women in Faith, contact Kathy Jones, President, at 919-770-1158.



October Keenagers

**Thursday, October 16th
12 Noon - Room #222/224**

All Keenagers (men and women age 65 and up) are invited to attend! Come 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, October 13th. Don't miss it!!



**American
Red Cross
Blood
Drive**

Save a Life, Give Blood

**Saint Luke UMC is sponsoring
a Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
1:30 pm - 6:00 pm
in the Davenport Christian Life Center**

To make an appointment, go to:
www.redcrossblood.org. Type in our Zip
code (27330) at the prompt, and scroll down
to October 7 — Saint Luke UMC.
Walk-ins are also welcome!

Losses in Our Church Family



We are saddened to share the news that two beloved church members have passed away.

Nan Lehmann passed away on Friday, September 19, 2025. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. A reception and visitation will be held at Mrs. Lehmann's home (715 Valley Road) immediately following the service.

Ginnie Hawley passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the Parlor beginning at 10:00 am.

Please keep both of these dear families in your prayers during this time of loss and grief.



Coming Soon! **THE SAINT LUKE PUMPKIN PATCH!**



Bring your
"pumpkins"
and see how they've
grown this year!

Open Daily 2 - 6 pm
October 2 - October 12

GAMES
FUN
PHOTO OPS!

Plan to get your pumpkins to decorate, carve, and to make your yummy holiday pumpkin pies HERE!
Proceeds will be used to buy warm clothing and coats for kids!





Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch

On Sunday, October 19, 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 wonderful 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, October 16.**

CHURCH COUNCIL

MEETING

Sunday, October 5
6 pm - Casey Chapel



Would You Like to Be a Wedding Director?

How do you serve as a member of Saint Luke? Would you like to serve in the beginning of two lives becoming one? We are looking for those who would like to be trained to direct weddings that are held at Saint Luke. If you are interested, please contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or laura@saintlukeumc.org.

Friday Friends Team

Project #4

October 10th at 8:30 am

Our next "Friday Friends" will gather on **Friday, October 10 at 8:30**. Project #4 is to clean the carpets in several rooms on the upper level where mold was recently removed. We will need lots of help to remove furniture, clean the carpet, and return furniture. We will need "all hands on deck" for this big project! If you are available to help, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at charlottebrendel@yahoo.com or 828-430-1312. Please park in the front of the church and use the Perry Foyer entrance.

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





SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES

To My Saint Luke Friends:

I want to update you on the Military Coupon program because we need your help. With more people getting their newspapers online, we have access to fewer coupons to send overseas to our military families. About twice a month the flyers arrive with the Sanford Herald and N & O but very few are being turned in. You may not realize it but those little flyers can have as much as \$180 in total manufacturer's coupons which really help the families that are serving our country overseas. We can accept these for 4 months beyond the expiration dates as the military commissaries will accept them. Please DON'T recycle these with your week-end papers. Bring them to the closet in the Williams Lobby and leave them in the marked container. Over the years we have received letters of thanks from various military bases in Great Britain, Europe and Asia, telling us that our work here is appreciated. A special word of thanks to Phil Bradley who collects them after the Men's Prayer Breakfast and brings them to me.

Please talk to your Sunday School classes or church groups to encourage them to support this program. If you have any questions, please call me at 919-935-2990.

With sincere thanks.

Susan Larsen



UNITED METHODIST MEN

Steak Dinner



Our annual STEAK DINNER will be held on Monday, October 6th. **The DEADLINE to sign up is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 10:00 AM.**

Call the church office to make your reservation today! Cost for dinner is \$15.

Join us at 6:00 pm in Room #222/224. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by our program at 7:00.

Don't forget to bring your Jelly for Jesus, 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 dues of \$75 may also be paid.

All men are welcome!!



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 Beverly Suitt on Wednesday evenings, or from Rev. Charlotte Brendel during 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.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1



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

Next Gathering:
Monday, October 20

Pints with the Pastor meets each month on the third Monday at 5:30 pm at Camelback Brewing Co. (804 Spring Lane) for a time of fellowship and a devotion with life applications. Men of all ages are welcome!



Pints with the Pastor



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

Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion
Thursday, October 2nd at 1:30 pm

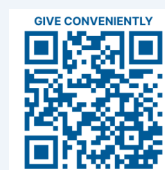
All are welcome to come sing and fellowship
with our friends at Parkview!
(1801 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330)

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**





Our children's ministry officially rolls out a new check-in system for all children beginning Sunday, September 14. This system, called KidCheck, allows families to check their child(ren) in simply by using their phone number, a key tag, or their mobile device. It's an easy-to-use children's check-in software that most importantly helps keep our children safe and streamlines the check-in process during Sunday morning worship and other children's ministry events. Name tags will automatically print upon check-in and will be worn by each child while on church grounds. If you haven't already registered and would like to, please contact Katherine Holt at 919-356-7285 or katherine@saintlukeumc.org.



Membership Sunday: October 19, 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!



Children and Youth Programs at Saint Luke



Ages 2 - Preschool

Sundays

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Room #114



Grades K - 5

Sundays 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Room #116/118

and the Davenport CLC



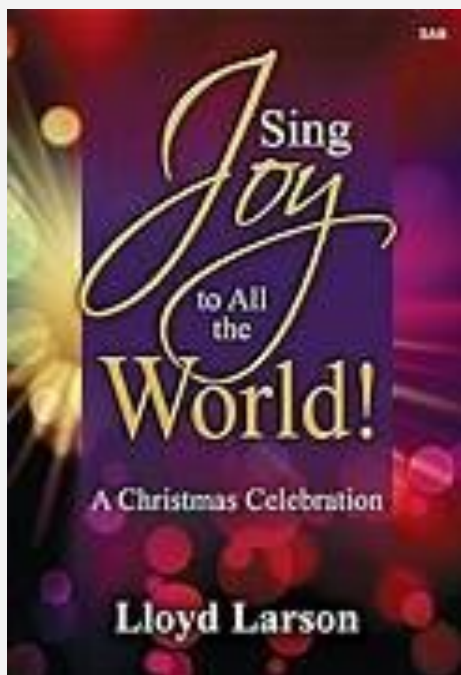
Grades 6 - 12

Sundays

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Harriss Youth House

All are welcome!! See you there!!



Come "Sing Joy to All the World" in our Christmas Cantata!

Now is a great time to join the choir! We have begun working on our Christmas Cantata and would love to have new singers join us! We practice the cantata first, so that people who are only singing in the cantata can leave before we begin rehearsing for our regular Sunday services. Join us in the Music Room on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm!



Our Handbells Are Back! Come Ring with Us!

Our newly refurbished handbells are back!! Handbell rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm in the Music Room. We look forward to hearing their beautiful music again! New ringers are welcome!



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.



Bins for the BOOK SALE

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



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.



Fast and Easy Giving

Saint Luke UMC



SUBSPASH

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.



Mission/Service Project
Saturday, September 27
4 pm at the Harriss Youth House

Fishing Night!!

Friday, October 10 from 6 - 8 pm

Special Dates
for Youth!
See Abigail for details!

at the home of Buck & Katie Harris

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!





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

****Registration deadline EXTENDED to November 7, 2025!****



WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST



All men are welcome!

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

Upcoming dates are 9/24, 10/8, and 10/22
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!!



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: **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

9/28 Kim Hales
 10/5 Gus Gomez
 10/12 Pat Greybill
 10/19 Kim Hales

Upcoming Packing Teams

9/28 Harrington / Stewart
 10/5 TBD / TBD
 10/12 Osborne / Heins
 10/19 Davenport / Stewart

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

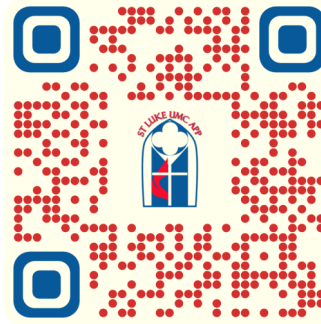
"Sometimes we can miss God's plans because we are distracted by what we want them to look like."



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355 people have downloaded the Saint Luke App!

If you're not one of them, don't miss out - Download it TODAY!



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.

Sept. 28	(9:00)	Mike & Susan Laudate
	(11:00)	Betsy James
Oct. 5	(9:00)	Bruce & Pat Greybill
	(11:00)	Jan Hayes
Oct. 12	(9:00)	Ronnie & Kathy Jones
	(11:00)	Susan Nave
Oct. 19	(9:00)	Billy Liggett & Jennifer St. Clair
	(11:00)	Faye White

Scripture Readers Schedule



September 28

8:30	Betsy James
9:00	Susan Laudate
11:00	Liz McGrath

October 5

8:30	Bill Towson
9:00	Katie Harris
11:00	Robin Jones

October 12

8:30	TBD
9:00	Dare Wright
11:00	Bob Joyce

October 19

8:30	TBD
9:00	Bob Hughes
11:00	Liz McGrath

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



September 28	Helen Yarborough
October 5	Neal Kightlinger
October 12	Travis Beal
October 19	Jimmy Keen



DCLC (9:00 worship)

September: Katie Harris and Rebecca Harris

October: Anna Stinson, Ashley Davenport, and Janette Scott

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

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

October: Edna Perkinson (chair), Ellen Mangum, Jane Murphy, and Betsy James



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!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. 24—Oct. 15

Birthdays:

(9/24) Mark Davenport,
Lois Pittard, Marty Stevens,
Mark West, Carson Wilson

(9/25) Billy Davis, Priscilla Dollar,
Jamey Laudate, Ava Bradian-Marsh,
Rodney Oldham,

Mary Charles Paderick,
Kelsey Kirkman Smith

(9/26) Chuck Heiser,
Maggie McCalister, Lib Prestwood

(9/27) Nancy Cameron, Bill Cowan,
Matthew Miller, Kelly Montgomery,
Matthew Shover

(9/28) Tom Demaree, Carolyn Lee,
David Morse, Bob Stevens

(9/29) Rene Dowdy, Justin Hyde,
Kristin Vernon

(9/30) Chap Perry

(10/1) Stephanie Garner,
Jeannine Reese, Emily Shepard

(10/2) Tom Coggin, Oliver Davenport,
Victoria "Monty" Davis-Ward,
Dillon Frye, Brenda Warf

(10/3) Ken Britton, Addison Carroll,
Hayley Liggett

(10/4) Robin Jones, Patrice McNeill,
Carter Post, Paul Post

(10/6) Eleena Alfonso, Alex Jenkins,
Curtis Moore, Bill Rannells,
Taylor Roberts, Dare Wright

(10/7) Theresa Miller, Alisa Wicker

(10/8) Eleanor Brown,
Caroline Montgomery

(10/11) Carson Cameron

(10/12) Joyce Cox, Pamela Hall,
Mary Kesler, Sophie Perryman,
Bill Petty

(10/13) Renalds Martin

(10/14) Daniel Cole, Nick Porter

(10/15) Doug Gaertner, Chad Stinson

membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 9/21/25	\$9,433.89
Restricted Funds Received 9/21/25	\$225.00

September Attendance

	2023	2024	2025	2025 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2025 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*448	*1131	*307	47/137/73	23/27
Week 2	*623	*1244	*293	34/152/62	22/23
Week 3	*607	*831	*286	33/101/80/20	32/20
Week 4	*439	*782			
Week 5		*951			
September Avg.	*529	**988	*295		

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

Anniversaries

(9/25) Garrett & Alex Jenkins and Chris & Kerri Martin

(9/29) Jay & Robin Childress and Ken & Trisha McNeill

(9/30) Scott & Tina Maples

(10/5) Ed & Callie Spitler

(10/7) Scott & Kim Osborne

(10/8) John & Teresa Maness

(10/9) Ted & Marsha Havens

(10/11) Kel & Parker Normann

(10/12) Jeff & Denise Hedrick and Jim & Georgann Roberts

(10/14) Leslie & Joyce Cox, Heath & Dana Hendrick,
and Catherine & Harry Tilley

(10/15) Jason & Tiffany Osborne



*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 September 24, 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	Theresa Miller	Mackenzie Stinson
Jean Davenport	Katherine Holt	Beulah Mooneyham	Nancy Thomas
Susan Davis	Lloyd Jennings	Dave Nave	Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard
Susie Dixon	Mary Kesler	Betty Newell	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Janet Edrington	Claudia Key	Parker Normann	Kristin Vernon
Harvey Forbes	Susan Larsen	Jan Olsen	Gordon Washburn
Linda Fowler	Dorothy Lloyd	Nick Porter	David Whitfield
Sandra Gallagher	Mary Loving	Bobby Powell	Heather McCoy Wicker
Keith Garner (USS Gettysburg)	May Mace	Bill Ray	Sandy Woodard
Ed Garrison			

Other Known Prayer Requests

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

Sympathy to . . .

Liz Daniel and family in the loss of her husband, John Daniel, of Greensboro.
The family of Nan Lehmann in her passing.
The family of Ginnie Hawley in her passing.

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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
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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