

Saint Luke UMC

# The + Acts

April 1, 2026



## *The Joyful Sound of Baptism*

What a joy it was on Sunday, March 29th to witness the baptism of one of our littlest children! **Savannah Lynn Franzoia** was baptized during the combined worship service at 10 o'clock in the Sanctuary. Savannah was born January 23, 2026 and is the daughter of Gabriel and Rebecca Franzoia. Also pictured is Savannah's big brother, Benjamin, who is three years old.

Rebecca is one of our newest members, having joined Saint Luke on Sunday, March 15. We are happy to have the Franzoia family as part of the Saint Luke family, and we rejoice with them on this special occasion. We pray that God will continue to bless them as they raise their children to know and love Him.

*"He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'" Mark 10:14b*



Church Office Hours: 8:00—4:30 Monday-Thursday.  
Closed on Fridays.  
919-776-2012





**Saint Luke UMC  
Calendar of Events  
April 1—April 8, 2026**



**Wednesday, April 1**

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

**Thursday, April 2**

- 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
- 1:30 pm Parkview Hymn Sing & Devotion—  
Parkview (1801 Wicker Street)
- 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Rise Against  
Hunger Meal Packing Event—  
Davenport CL

**Friday, April 3**

- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service—Reflections of  
the Cross—Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday**

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service—Lawrence  
Outdoor Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
- 9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
- 9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm. #233
- 9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224
- 10:00 am Cross of Flowers and Butterfly Release—  
Front Lawn
- 10:00 am No Children or Youth Sunday School;  
Adult classes are optional
- 11:00 am Worship Service —Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
- 4:30 pm UMYF—Harris Youth House

**Monday, April 6**

Church Office Closed for Easter Monday  
Holiday

**Tuesday, April 7**

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

**Wednesday, April 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
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

*Teach us*  
**to number our days**  
*that we may gain a heart of*  
**WISDOM**  
Psalm 90:12

*Preparing for Worship ...*



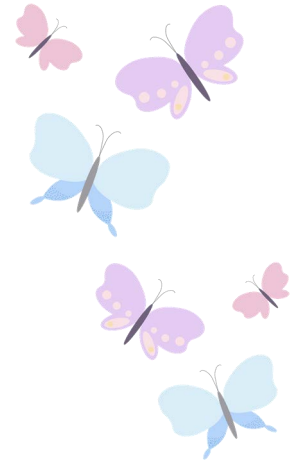
*Scriptures for April 5, 2026*

Acts 10:34-43                      2 Corinthians 5:16-20  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24              Matthew 28:1-10



*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.



*Cross of Flowers and Butterfly Release  
Easter Sunday at 10:00 am on the Front Lawn*

Please bring flowers from your yard or from the grocery store and add them to the cross on the Front Lawn as you arrive for worship on Easter Sunday morning. At 10:00 am we will have a short service and release the butterflies at the Cross of Flowers.

## The Pastors' Page

Lent has been a different experience for me this year. Normally, I am walking alongside my church family as we journey through each Sunday of Lent, marking time in worship and in the fellowship we enjoy during our Lenten luncheons. This year, I had a new normal—one that is familiar to many of you. Having undergone major surgery prior to Ash Wednesday, I was unable to be present in the congregation for much of the Lenten season. Recovery is isolating, and it has a profound effect on how we experience special days and seasons. While life seems to go on seamlessly for the hale and hearty among us, those who are in treatment or who are homebound may feel they've come to a standstill. Sometimes, just getting through the day is the best we can do.

Pre-surgery, I had plans for my season of healing: books I intended to read, taxes to prepare, notes to write, calls to make and prayer shawls to knit. Post-surgery, I barely gave those plans a thought. It wasn't a matter of choice so much as a matter of capability. Fortunately, I didn't need to be task-oriented during this time. I only needed to heal. If looking out on the lake, petting the cats, reading novels or napping whenever I could get comfortable aided in that endeavor, then that was *okay. It was enough!* While my capacity for whiling away the hours surprised even me, I gave myself the grace to simply "be" for a season. In our weakness, Paul observed, we invite Christ's power to dwell in us. We all have times when we are acutely aware of our weakness, but we have confidence in Christ who abides within us.

Some people chafe at quiet days and solitude. For others—like myself—it's nourishing. At the same time, Phil and I appreciated every prayer, call, card, meal and visit. We remain grateful for the prayers that are still being offered as I seek to fully rejoin our shared life and ministry.

My recent experience has only strengthened my desire to be the answer to another's prayer, and to be present to those who are homebound or living in care facilities. These beloved members may have initiated mission efforts that we still undergird. We stand on their shoulders, while they simply welcome our attentions. They are gratified to realize that our circle of love and care surrounds them and that Saint Luke continues to meet human need—those spiritual as well as physical. May we remind these Saints often of where and to whom they belong. May we strive to live into God's vision, their vision, and our own vision for Saint Luke: to be healthy, relevant, welcoming, forward-thinking—loving God and neighbor and being an oasis of Christ's transforming love and grace.

As we move through these holiest of days, our thoughts turn from Sunday's celebration of the palms to the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. John's account of the events in the Upper Room are especially meaningful as we remember Jesus taking a basin of water and a towel, washing and drying the disciples' feet. It was a menial task—one that reflected Jesus' humility and self-giving love and which he wished his disciples to mirror. In Jesus we see what he desired for his disciples—then and now—that they would possess a servant's heart like his own. In that same context, he gave us all a new commandment: to love one another as he has loved us.

*Holy One: Create in us a servant's heart. Enable us to love as you loved, with all that we are and all that we have. Let it be so, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Judy*

# Confirmation Class of 2026 Field Trip

On Monday, March 30, sixteen of our eighteen Confirmands traveled to Garner, Raleigh, and Durham to learn more about the United Methodist Church. They toured the Methodist Building in Garner, where they met Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton, and had the pleasure of hearing several of the conference staff speak to them concerning their areas of ministry. The Rev. Beth Hood and Becki Leeland, executive assistant office of clergy life, served as tour guides. It was fun to share Beth's and Becki's Saint Luke connection with the group. Later, the group traveled to the United Methodist Home for Children, where they ran into Rev. Reggie Ponder, the first pastor to serve at Saint Luke. Polly Willis, UMHFC vice president, spoke with the group, sharing interesting stories from the UMHFC history. Following lunch at Chick Fil-A, the group made its way to the Duke Gardens, the Duke Chapel and Duke Divinity School. Our own Abigail Thompson gave the group an inside look at life in the Divinity School. Thank you to Buck Harris for accompanying the group and to Anna Stinson for providing transportation. Several adults who heard about the day have expressed an interest in going on a similar excursion. Stay tuned for future field trips. Confirmation Sunday is April 26 at the 9:00 worship service. Our Confirmation class represented Saint Luke in outstanding fashion.





2025-2026  
**CLASS OF 2026**



# Easter Egg Hunt 2026





Thank you to Blake Post and the entire Easter Egg Hunt team! It was great to welcome our community to Saint Luke!



# Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



## United Methodist Men Outing to UNC/Pittsburgh Baseball Game

Friday, May 8, 2026 at 6 pm

**A LIMITED NUMBER of Tickets are available on a  
FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS!**

Ticket Price: \$25.00 per person.

**We need to know how many tickets you would like ASAP—  
and payment must be made NO LATER THAN April 15.**

Contact Leslie Cox at 919-718-1998 or Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012. You may pay Leslie or Laura prior to 4/15 either at Sunday School, UMM, Prayer Breakfast, or in the church office.



## Maundy Thursday

## Lenten Mission Project

April 2, 2026

5:30—7:30 pm

## Davenport Christian Life Center



If you plan to participate in the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Maundy Thursday, **there is a waiver that you need to fill out ahead of time.** Please use the QR code at left to register for the event and complete the waiver form.

# Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday, April 2—Lenten Mission Project

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event (Family-friendly!)

5:30—7:30 pm in the Davenport CLC

Friday, April 3—Good Friday Service

Reflections of the Cross

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

6:30 am—Sunrise Service at the Lawrence Outdoor Chapel

8:30 am—Worship Service in Casey Chapel

9:00 am—Worship Service in the Davenport Christian Life Center

10:00 am—Cross of Flowers and Butterfly Release on the Front Lawn  
(No Children's Sunday School. Sunday School for adult classes is optional.)

11:00 am—Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Join us as we worship our Risen Savior!

WE THANK OUR  
**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
 VOLUNTEERS!



Many, many thanks to our **Friends #1 Group and helpers** for delivering Meals on Wheels in March. Our volunteers were: *Tom Coggin, Patti Cox, Joyce Edmonds, Linda Foushee, Marsha and Ted Havens, Kathy Jones, Ann and Neal Kightlinger, Lee LeLiever, Ellen Mangum, Cathy and Ty McCoy, Bob Sanford, Bob Troutman, and Molly Whitaker.* Your faithfulness and dedication to this worthwhile ministry is greatly appreciated.

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

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

*Prayer Shawl Knitting Group*



*Wednesday, April 8*

*10:00 am*

*Room #232*

*New knitters and crocheters are always welcome!*

Contact Janice Davis for more information at [jdavis727@gmail.com](mailto:jdavis727@gmail.com) or 419-722-6665.

**UNITED METHODIST**  
**MEN**



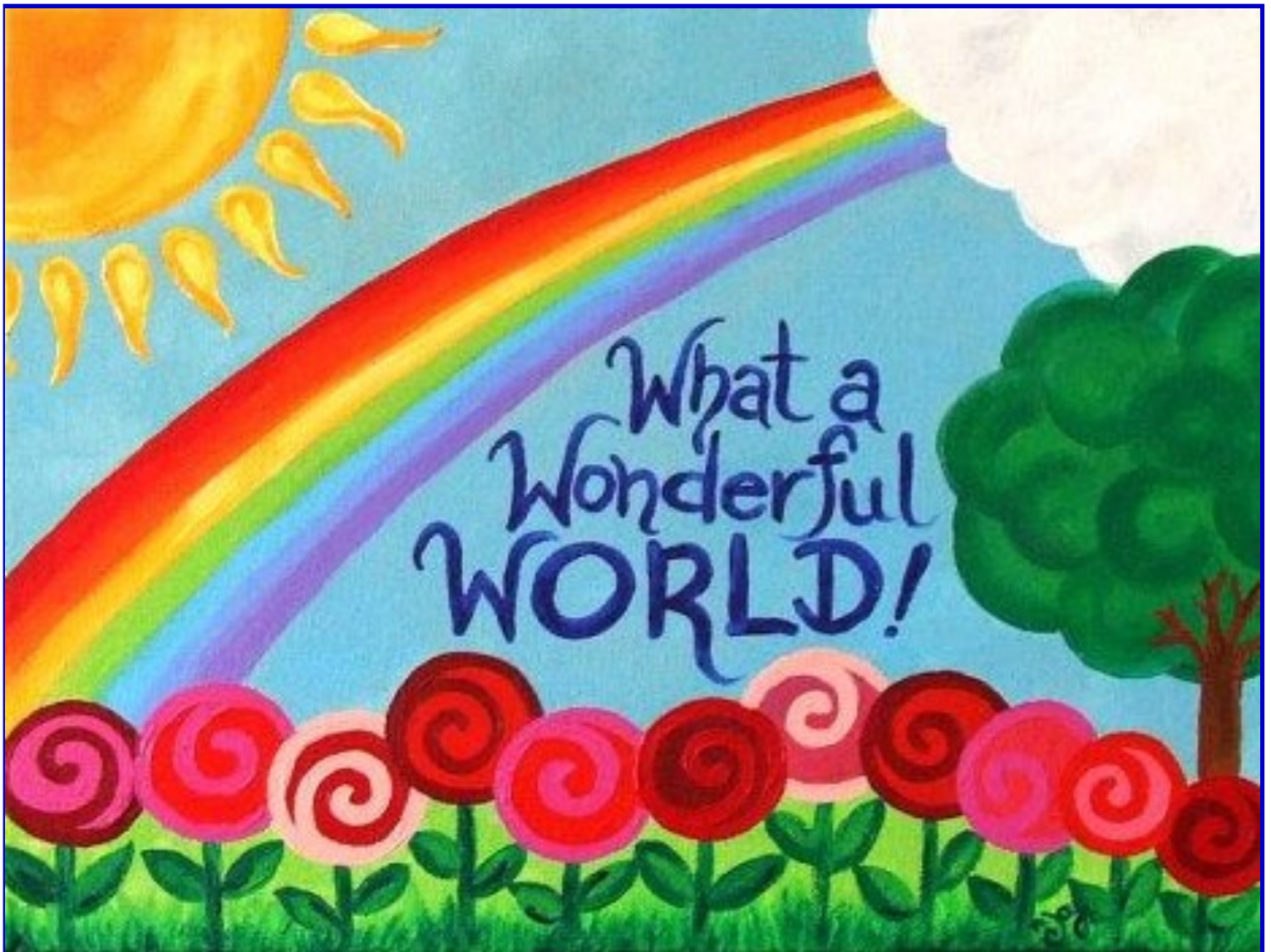
**April Meeting: Monday, April 13**  
**(Date change due to Easter Monday holiday.)**  
**6:00 pm - Room #222/224**

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

Come join us for great fellowship and a short program. **Meet and greet will begin at 6:00 pm in Room #222/224. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by our program. Cost for dinner is \$10. If you are planning to go to the UNC/Pittsburgh game on May 8, you may bring your ticket money to the meeting.** Don't forget to bring a jar of jelly for our "Jelly for Jesus" program, as well as "TP, PT, and H2O" (toilet paper, paper towels, and bottled water). We will also be accepting donations of canned meats for CUOC. Voluntary annual dues of \$50 may be paid to Bob Sanford.

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards outside the Parlor upstairs and near the Williams Lobby downstairs, or you can sign up in your Sunday School class. You may also call the church office at 919-776-2012 to make reservations.

*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*



Save the Dates!!

VBS 2026 "What a Wonderful World"  
is June 22 - 25!!

"PINTS WITH THE PASTOR"  
NEXT MEETING: APRIL 20 AT 5:30 PM  
CAMELBACK BREWING CO.



SAINT LUKE  
Celebrate  
**EASTER**

- ✓ Egg Hunt
- ✓ Maundy Thursday
- ✓ Good Friday
- ✓ Resurrection Sunday

See you there!  
2916 Wicker Street,  
Sanford, NC 27330



SCAN ME

Pick up some  
"Celebrate Easter"  
cards from the  
baskets outside  
our worship spaces  
and hand them out  
to those you meet!  
Invite them to  
join us for our  
Holy Week services!

# Beloved

## Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 25

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Tickets: \$25

Featuring Keynote Speaker, J. Dana Trent,  
award-winning author,  
minister, professor,  
inspirational speaker



Luncheon catered by Mrs. Lacy's Magnolia House  
Deadline to purchase tickets is April 12

Scan QR Code for tickets



Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Saint Luke United Methodist Church  
2916 Wicker Street; Sanford, NC 27330

### Ladies!

Save the Date:

Saturday,

April 25, 2026

Excitement is in the air! Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at Saint Luke United Methodist Church. It's an event for women like none other, and we want you to be there! On Saturday, April 25 Saint Luke UMC will host "**Beloved**" - a Central North Carolina Women's Spring Inspirational Luncheon from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Our special guest speaker is J. Dana Trent, graduate of Duke University, ordained minister, faculty member at Wake Technical

Community College, and author of numerous books including her memoir, "Between Two Trailers." Dana will inspire you as she shares her story of living in poverty with drug dealing parents, how she survived and eventually made peace with the people and places that shaped her. Dana's memoir will be available for purchase and signing.

Our goal for this Spring Luncheon is to offer beautiful fellowship, community inspiration, and faith-filled encouragement to women in central North Carolina. Together, we can create a kind and compassionate world that offers hope and support to all! Ticket information is now available. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 12. For persons who are unable to purchase a ticket online, a few tickets will be sold in the church office.

Table Reservations are now available for our

## Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Saint Luke UMC (Sanford, NC)

Tickets: \$25  
per person

To reserve your table of 6, please contact  
Rev. Charlotte Brendel  
charlottebrendel@yahoo.com

Reserve your table of six friends NOW!

Several women have asked about reserving a full table at our "*Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon*" on Saturday, April 25. They really enjoy sitting with their friends, which is what we offer for our December Christmas Extravaganza events. We have heard your request! We are thrilled to let you know that we are now offering the opportunity to reserve a full table of six (6) for your friends! Our Women's Events Team is decorating, so you do not need to worry about decorating your table. Just gather your friends to fill a table of six persons. **Each reserved table must have six (6) persons.**

Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased online by scanning the QR Code on the flyer or clicking on this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/beloved-womens-spring-luncheon>. Tickets may also be purchased in the church office. All six (6) tickets may be purchased together by one person.

If you are interested in reserving a full table of six (6) women, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel ([charlottebrendel@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottebrendel@yahoo.com)) or call the church office.

Also, if you have already purchased a ticket and wish to add friends to your table, please contact Pastor Charlotte. Remember, each reserved table must have six (6) persons.

We hope to see you at our "*Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon*" on Saturday, April 25! Our Women's Events Team has been working diligently to prepare for this special event! It will be AMAZING!

## Good Friday Service Reflections of the Cross



April 3, 2026  
7:00 pm  
in the sanctuary

## Easter Sunrise Service



6:30 am - Lawrence Outdoor Chapel



## Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch



Our Singles 50+ group will meet on Sunday, April 19. Anyone who is over 50 and single is welcome to join us for a Dutch treat lunch and warm fellowship. Reservations are helpful, but not required.



*Next Gathering:*  
*Sunday, April 19*  
*12:30 pm (new time!)*  
*Davison's Steaks*  
*(1724 Westover Drive)*

# Preschool Sunday

is April 12 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

Join us on Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary as we welcome our Preschool students, teachers, and their families! You won't want to miss seeing these sweet children and hearing them sing!





# Ladies Lunch & Learn

Next Gathering:  
April 15

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

Ladies of all ages are encouraged  
to come and bring a friend!



Our next Ladies Lunch & Learn is Wednesday, April 15 at 11:30 am at Davison's Restaurant. We continue our 2025-2026 theme of "Can I Get A Witness?" We are learning how God uses women to witness God's love to others, and how God works in the lives of various women. April's witness is Tabitha (also known as Dorcas), a disciple known for her good works and acts of love for the poor. She was a charitable person who made things, especially clothing,

for the needy in Joppa. Her story is found in Acts 9.

Lunch is Dutch Treat. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. We encourage women to bring a friend, as we share great food and fellowship with one another. All women are invited. Please join us!

## Where Will Your Lenten Journey Carry You? Here's a Volunteer Opportunity!

In his sermon on Sunday, March 1, Pastor Eddie mentioned a volunteer opportunity at JR Ingram working with kindergarten and first graders. If you are interested in helping, you

may drop by Ingram any day by 8:30 to help out. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus! For more information, contact Susan Laudate at 919-770-0804.



**Spring for the Promise**  
Food Tasting and Fundraising Event  
[www.familypromiseofleecounty.org](http://www.familypromiseofleecounty.org)

Tuesday May 12, 2026  
5:30-7:30pm  
Elks Club  
910 Carthage St  
Sanford, NC 27330  
Tickets \$35  
Call 919.718.1540





WINDSTREAM

# BREAKFAST



**All men are welcome!**

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

Upcoming dates are 4/8 and 4/22  
Cost is \$7.



and

# KINGDOM KIDS

meets each Sunday at 4:30 pm!

Kingdom Kids - Room #114

JAM - Room #116/118 and DCLC

Come join us!!



## 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**



# Attention: 2026 Graduates

If you are graduating from **High School OR College** this spring, or have a child who is graduating, please notify Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or [laura@saintlukeumc.org](mailto:laura@saintlukeumc.org). We would like to have the following information:

- ◆ *the graduate's full name*
- ◆ *the name of the high school or college from which they are graduating*
- ◆ *the degree they received (for college graduates)*
- ◆ *any honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude for college graduates; Beta Club, NHS, NTHS, etc. for high school graduates)*
- ◆ *and a picture of the graduate (may be in cap and gown or not)*

**Students who graduated in December, 2025 are welcome to submit their information as well!**

This information will be included in an upcoming edition of the Acts and in our graduation booklet on Senior Sunday. **The deadline to submit information is Thursday, May 14th.**



***We are proud of you all!  
Help us celebrate YOU!***



## CUOC and Backpack Pals **\*\*April Needs\*\***

Every month during 2026, Saint Luke will be collecting specific items for CUOC and Backpack Pals. Donation bins will be set up in the Williams Lobby and Perry Foyer. United Methodist Men and United Women in Faith are spearheading the collection for CUOC, and Saint Luke Preschool and Saint Luke After School Care are taking the lead for the Backpack Pals collection, but everyone is welcome to participate.

**In April, we are collecting TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES for CUOC (any size, any brand). For Backpack Pals we are collecting INDIVIDUAL SNACKS** (snack sizes of cookies, chips, Chex Mix, Cheez-Its, Goldfish crackers, Nabs, granola bars, etc). Thank you for helping make sure our neighbors have what they need!

***On behalf of the Saint Luke Missions Committee, a big Thank You to UMM, UWIF, and the preschool and afterschool children for making a year-long commitment to support the CUOC pantry and Backpack Pals.***





## 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

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH



## Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Jesus  
loves me  
this I know



## Let's Have Coffee!

### COFFEE HOUR

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, April 26 for fellowship and coffee!

# Hymn Sing

## Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion

Thursday, April 2 at 1:30 pm

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

(1801 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330)

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

## 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!

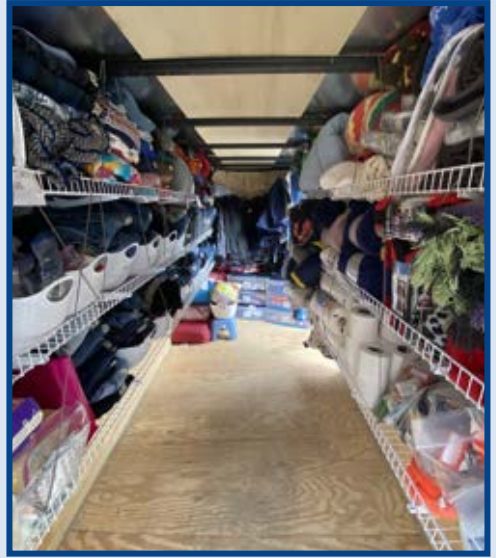
# See It?? Say It!!

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](mailto: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!



# 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: NEW OR GENTLY USED BATH TOWELS

### 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

- 4/5 Gus Gomez
- 4/12 Pat Greybill
- 4/19 Scott & Jennifer Phillips

### Upcoming Packing Teams

- 4/5 Delivery: Johnson/Genesis (no trailers)
- 4/12 Peele / Osborne
- 4/19 Johnson / Heins

*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**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



*John 3:16*

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

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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](mailto: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.**

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| <b>April 5</b>  | (9:00)  | Mike & Susan Laudate and Philip & Shanna Kelly |
|                 | (11:00) | Susan Nave                                     |
| <b>April 12</b> | (9:00)  | Tripp & Mallory Paderick                       |
|                 | (11:00) | Beverly O'Donnell                              |
| <b>April 19</b> | (9:00)  | Billy Liggett & Jennifer St. Clair             |
|                 | (11:00) | Mary Jo Parks                                  |



## DCLC (9:00 worship)

**April:** Hope Frye and Blake Post

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

**April:** Mary Jo Parks, Alice Heins, and Mary Stewart Shaffer



## *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



### April 5

- |          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| 8:30 am  | Gregg Miller |
| 9:00 am  | Katie Harris |
| 11:00 am | Robin Jones  |

### April 12

- |          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| 8:30 am  | Tami DiPiero    |
| 9:00am   | Preschool Staff |
| 11:00 am | Liz McGrath     |

### April 19

- |          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| 8:30 am  | Sandra Hancock    |
| 9:00 am  | Mackenzie Stinson |
| 11:00 am | Evie Cox          |

# Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



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|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>April 5</b>  | Sostenes Alfonso |
| <b>April 12</b> | Tripp Paderick   |
| <b>April 19</b> | Neal Kightlinger |

# Attendance Counter for 9:00 Worship



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|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>April 5</b>  | Bruce Greybill |
| <b>April 12</b> | Jimmy Keen     |
| <b>April 19</b> | Holden Keen    |

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 1—April 8

## Birthdays:

(4/1) Susan Hincks  
Benjamin Shover  
Bailey Spivey

(4/4) Linda Fowler  
Anna Profio  
Tyler Profio

(4/5) Luke Davenport  
Valerie Hawley  
Sawyer Hendrick  
Renee Keen  
Eric McCalister

(4/6) Benny Grant  
Waett Kelly  
Dorothy Lloyd  
Denise Trafelet

(4/7) Wesley Stewart  
Mary Charles Tatum

(4/8) Molly Maness

## Anniversaries

(4/4) Matt & Courtney Brown  
Mike & Darla Cole

(4/5) Alexander & Rita Cox

(4/6) Oliver & Kaity Cotterell  
Drew & Sara Lyerly



## FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

<b>Total Budget Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$24,835.00</b>
<b>Total Offering General Funds Received 3/29/26</b>	<b>\$5,484.00</b>
<b>Restricted Funds Received 3/29/26</b>	<b>\$1,540.00</b>

## March Attendance

	2024	2025	2026	2026 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2026 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*626	*352	*331	36/165/76	31/23
Week 2	*608	*275	*285	35/94/99	23/34
Week 3	*531	*522	*305	43/144/73	20/25
Week 4	*649	*406	*326	31/126/108	34/27
Week 5	*913	317	*308	262	46
March Avg.	*665	*374	*311		

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

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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



*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 April 1, 2026*

### *Our Known Prayer Needs*

Holly Baker  
Judy Baker  
Annie Bolger  
Chris Burns  
Patti and Stephen Cox  
Sarah Curry  
Jean Davenport  
Susie Dixon  
Rev. Judy Drye  
Janet Edrington  
Harvey Forbes  
Linda Fowler  
Savannah Lynn Franzoia

Sandra Gallagher  
Ed Garrison  
Lisa Harden  
Marsha Havens  
Denise Hedrick  
Lloyd Jennings  
Claudia Key  
Kevin Kirkman  
Susan Larsen  
Hayley Liggett  
Dorothy Lloyd  
Mary Loving  
Claudia Mace

Pat Mace  
Joe Martin  
Cathy & Tyson McCoy  
Liz McGrath  
Beulah Mooneyham  
Dave Nave  
Betty Newell  
Parker Normann  
Jan Olsen  
Mary Jo Parks  
Nick and Sally Porter  
Bill Ray

Georgann Roberts  
Irene Smith  
Patsy & Ira Smith  
Mackenzie Stinson  
David Stout  
Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard  
Denise and Tom Trafelet  
Kristin Vernon  
Gordon Washburn  
David Whitfield  
Heather McCoy Wicker  
Sandy Woodard

### *Other Known Prayer Requests*

Larry Andrews  
Deborah Alvord  
Nancy Babbit  
Gray Barnhill  
Angie and Ron Beech  
Bruce and Linda Benton  
June Brantley  
Jan Brooks  
Bonnie Brown  
Moses Cabrera  
Betty Caldwell  
Karen and Brian Caldwell  
Kenny Cole  
Norman Cooper  
Jamie Covil  
Jeff Cummings  
Linda & Dalton Davis  
Pat Dillon

Diedre Dowdy  
Brian Drye  
Martha Eigenbrodt  
Daniel Facemire  
Fred & Lisa Ferguson  
Carol Fuller  
Lynn Gagliardi  
Dr. Roy Gaines, Jr.  
Teresa Goins  
Keri Grant  
Tim Gregory  
Lura Hill  
Margaret Hubbard  
Rick Huneycutt  
Jamie Hunt  
Allene Jarvis  
Beckisue Brown Joyner  
Scott Keller

David Lane  
Joel Lawrence  
Susan Lewis  
Hannah Lindsey  
Elliot Mann  
Daniel McCraw (USAF)  
Allyssa McNeal  
Mary Gibbs Mickleberry  
Daniel Newman  
Carlie Anne Nicholson  
Jennifer Nicholson  
Molly Margaret O'Quinn  
Greg Patterson  
Wade and Janie Peele  
Helen Krick Poole  
Kate Redenbaugh  
Andy Reeder  
Tina Rickard

Barbara Rivera  
Sean Robbins  
Roy Rud and family  
Sally Lawrence Sandifer  
Juanita Showalter  
Paula Smith  
Ryan Smith  
Jackson Snipes  
Betty Spence  
Blake Strickland  
Denny Swarmer  
Dr. Vance Thomas  
Lavelle and Sharon Waters  
Jimmy Wilkins  
William Beckett "Beck"  
Woodell  
Connie Zaring

### *Sympathy to . . .*

Rebekah Harvey and family in the loss of her sister, Betty Lawrence, of Sanford.

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## *Saint Luke United Methodist Church*

### Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 am—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

### **Our Church Staff—Contact us!**

Lead Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Visitation  
Children and Family Ministry  
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  
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