

Saint Luke UMC

The Acts

February 4, 2026



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Come and be blessed by the inspiring music and testimonies!

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

February 6-7: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

February 13-14: Rev. Eddie Hill

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



SAINT LUKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God. Loving Others.
SANFORD, NC

**Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events**

February 4—February 11, 2026

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live

Thursday, February 5

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

1:30 pm Parkview Hymns/Devotion—Parkview

5:30 pm Pickleball—Davenport CLC

Friday, February 6

5:00 pm Emmaus Men's Meeting—Upstairs

Saturday, February 7

7:00 am Emmaus Men's Meeting (All Day)

Sunday, February 8

7:00 am Emmaus Men's Meeting (until 2 pm)

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC

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 with Baptism of Garrett and Margaret Jenkins—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

4:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, February 9

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

12:00 pm UWIF Circle #2—Elizabeth's Pizza

12:00 pm UWIF Circle #8—Room #222/224

7:00 pm "This Is Our Story" Renewal Service—Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 10

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC

8:00 am Conference BOM—Upstairs (until 5 pm)

9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room

10:30 am UWIF Board Meeting—Library

5:30 pm Finance Committee—Room #222/224

7:00 pm "This Is Our Story" Renewal Service—Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 11

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

8:00 am Conference BOM—Upstairs (until 5 pm)

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live

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

7:00 pm "This Is Our Story" Renewal Service—Sanctuary

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for February 8, 2026

Isaiah 58:6-12	I Corinthians 1:18-31
Psalm 112:1-9	Matthew 5:1-12

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you.

We are so thankful for each of you and for the faithfulness you show in supporting our church. Over the past couple of weeks, inclement weather prevented us from gathering in person for worship on two Sundays. While we missed seeing one another, the ongoing work and ministry of the church continued.

As we move forward, we kindly ask you to prayerfully consider giving a little extra, if you are able, to help offset the offerings missed during those Sundays. Your generosity helps ensure that our ministries, outreach efforts, and daily operations remain strong and uninterrupted.

Please know that every gift—large or small—is deeply appreciated, and above all, we are grateful for your continued prayers, commitment, and love for our church family. We trust God to provide, and we thank Him for using faithful hearts like yours.

May the Lord bless you abundantly, and we look forward to worshipping together again very soon.

With gratitude and love,
The Church Leadership

The Pastors' Page

“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” 1 John 3:17-18

I always found it interesting how an autumn night at a high school football game can seem to be a “freezing” experience when the temperature drops into the low 50s, but in February, even the low 40s can feel like a balmy day.

Obviously, it’s all about how we acclimate ourselves. There’s a reason why our northern neighbors can walk around in t-shirts midwinter or be seen wearing only a jersey while attending a snow-covered football game. Our bodies have a remarkable way of becoming accustomed to environmental conditions.

Sadly, this truth rings true in many more circumstances or situations. It would seem that there is a tendency, maybe even a temptation, to allow the events of the world around us to become normalized. How can a behavior, which historically would cause people to stand up and denounce it, somehow become acceptable? Even if we feel deep down inside us that something is horribly wrong, for whatever reason – the risk of offending someone, the desire to not cause a stir, or the motto of “live and let live” – we find seemingly plausible excuses to not get involved.

I am confident that there were good Christian people living in the South during the pre-Civil War days. These individuals, who attended church on Sundays, would have walked or ridden past slaves in the fields Monday through Saturday. I can only imagine that some of those who lined the roads in protest of the Freedom Rides in the early 1960s, or perhaps discussed the chaos in a beauty parlor or barber shop, viewed themselves as good, decent, church-going folks. I wonder what history will have to say about us?

In recent years, many police departments or law enforcement agencies have adopted a “no-chase” policy, “limiting high-speed pursuits to cases involving violent felonies or imminent threats, in order to prioritize public safety over immediate apprehension.” These trained and experienced protectors of the peace have arrived at the greater good. No doubt they also understand that in this world of advanced surveillance and technology, there may be other opportunities to apprehend the individual. With the overall world of law enforcement choosing this mindset and set of tactics, how could an unarmed person, even if the individual was trying to drive away, be fatally shot? Or how could an individual - restrained, lying on the ground, already disarmed - be shot multiple times? There is simply no justification or rationalization for these tragic events.

Regardless of which side of the aisle that you stand, I would hope that anyone reading this letter would have a sense of what is right and what is wrong - a true sense of how God would have us treat one another. I would also hope that each one of us would take to heart 1 John 4:8, which clearly states, “Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

My friends, let us not become acclimated to that which is taking place all around us. Let us not “normalize” that which is anything but normal. And let us determine that we will do our part to make a positive difference and put our love in action. Let us do so not only for the sake of doing that which is right, but also because down deep, we know what Jesus would have us do.

Preacherman



Keenagers

Thursday, February 19

12:00 noon

Room #222/224

All Keenagers (men and women age 65 and up) are invited to attend! Come and share a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and a fun program with your Saint Luke friends! Cost for lunch is \$6. Please remember to sign up in Sunday School, or on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Monday, February 16 if you plan to attend. Don't miss it!!



Savannah Lynn Franzoia

Born January 23, 2026

5 pounds, 7.8 ounces

18 3/4 inches long

Daughter of

Gabe & Rebecca Franzoia

Proud Big Brother:

Benjamin Franzoia (age 3)

*"Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from him."*

Psalm 127:3



Welcome to
the World!!



The Joyful Sound of Baptism

On Sunday, February 8, we will be blessed to witness the baptism of one of our little ones—and her Daddy.

Margaret Reid Jenkins, daughter of Garrett and Alex Jenkins, will be baptized during the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary. To make the day even more special, Margaret's Daddy, Garrett Jenkins, will be baptized and join the church on the same day.

We hope you will plan to be here!



Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Wednesday, February 11 - 10:00 am - Room #232



*New knitters and crocheters
are always welcome!
Contact Janice Davis
for more information
(419-722-6665).*



*This
Is*

*Our
Story*

***Renewal Services - February 9, 10, and 11
7:00 pm Nightly in the Sanctuary***

Monday, February 9

Special Music by Chad Spivey and the Back Row Baptists

Guest Speaker: Danny Borrell

A devoted husband, loving father, faithful son, and a man after God's own heart, Danny Borrell grew up here in Sanford, North Carolina. He is the middle child of Jim and Ruthie Borrell and a son-in-law of Danny and Beth Hart. Danny was raised attending Saint Luke, where his faith was nurtured from a young age. A career in baseball eventually took Danny and his wife beyond North Carolina, carrying them all over the country. Today, they reside in Roswell, Georgia. Through every step and every season, Danny's path was orchestrated by our Heavenly Father—a truly blessed life.

Tuesday, February 10

Special Music by Drew Carnegie and Life N Music

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Hart Lindsey

Elizabeth (Hart) Lindsey, from Sanford NC and daughter of Danny and Beth Hart; currently resides in Mt. Pleasant, NC with her husband and two daughters. After graduating from Appalachian State University in 1999, she married her college sweetheart, Brandon, and moved to Charlotte, NC. She has worked in the nonprofit sector for over 25 years, primarily with the YMCAs until 2016. During that time, in 2013, she and her husband also started a nonprofit, Dream On 3, which grants over the top sport dreams to children living with life altering conditions. Her faith has been an anchor for her family, and a lamp for her career and a light to her path, as it's helped her navigate some of the lowest valleys and highest peaks.

Wednesday, February 11

Special Music by Salt Creek Bluegrass and Gospel

Guest Speaker: Becky Balentine

Raleigh native Becky Balentine studied at Peace College after graduating from Broughton High School. She and her husband, John, raised four children and adore their gaggle of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Becky was also a huge support for John's restaurant and catering career through the years, including the beloved Balentine's Cafeteria in Raleigh's Cameron Village, which operated from the 1960s until closing in 1999. Becky has served in many leadership roles at Hayes Barton UMC, as well as in the Raleigh (now Capital) District and Conference. She has also served on staff for many years at the church, including creating and overseeing the Stephen Ministry and as Director of the Visitation Ministry. She is currently Hayes Barton's Director of InCrowd Ministry. Becky clearly has a heart for the Lord coupled with a practical application of hands-on ministry. Through all the seasons of her life, including the joys and sorrows, her impact has been far-reaching, whether it's been with her children's friends, Sunday School, Bible studies, congregational care, her family, the restaurant staff, or her neighbors. Her testimony is relatable and inspiring.

Please join us for a

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Hosted by the Emmaus Community



Tuesday, February 17
6:00—7:30 pm (floating)
Davenport CLC



*A love offering will
be accepted.
Come and enjoy
delicious pancakes
and warm fellowship!*

Please sign up in Sunday School, on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office (919-776-2012) so we know how much food to purchase.

Ash Wednesday

Services

February 18, 2026



Two Services:

12:00 Noon in the Casey Chapel (Traditional)
and 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary (Informal)



*Lenten Services
and Lunches*

**Join Us on Wednesdays During Lent
in the Davenport Christian Life Center**

Saint Luke UMC will once again offer community worship services and a light lunch on Wednesdays from 12 noon—1:00 pm during the season of Lent. Guest preachers from local churches will offer a meditation, followed by a lunch fellowship. Our hope is that many people in our church and community will join us to worship and share a meal together.

Preachers for the noon Lenten Worship and Lunch Fellowship include:

Wednesday, February 25—Rev. Matt Garrison, St. Francis Anglican Church

Wednesday, March 4—Rev. Brian Charland, Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 11—Rev. Ann Kelly, Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 18—Rev. Beatrice Smith, Restored Healed and Delivered Ministries

Wednesday, March 25—Rev. Rick Martindale, First Presbyterian Church

Donations to help cover the cost of the lunches will be received. The time is 12 noon—1:00 pm to allow persons to attend during their lunch hour. Since Saint Luke UMC is hosting these Lenten services and lunches, we hope many members of our congregation will attend. Mark your calendar and plan to join us when you can!



JOIN US FOR "PINTS WITH THE PASTOR"

Monday, February 16 at 5:30 pm

Camelback Brewing Co. (804 Spring Lane)

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

Men of all ages are welcome to join Preacher Eddie for this time of fellowship, a devotion, and discussion with life applications. Invite your friends and neighbors!



Jesus with a Twist

New Year! New Venue!

New opportunity to join Jesus with a Twist!

Save the Dates!

February 26

March 26

April 23

6:00 PM

Vinous Wine Bar

112 S. Steele Street

All women are invited!
Bring your friends!



Lenten Bible Study

“Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion”

by Adam Hamilton

Sunday morning during Sunday School

February 22 – March 29

Classes participating: Biddle, Seekers, Asbury,
Something More, and Genesis

February 22 Session 1: Lift High the Cross

The Crucifixion as God’s Word and Recapitulation

March 1 Session 2: O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

Penal Substitution and Sacrificial Offering

March 8 Session 3: Agnus Dei

Atonement as New Passover, New Covenant, and
Redemption

March 15 Session 4: Were You There

The Moral Influence and Moral Example
Theories of Atonement

March 22 Session 5: What Wondrous Love Is This

Moral Influence Theory, Part II

March 29 Session 6: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

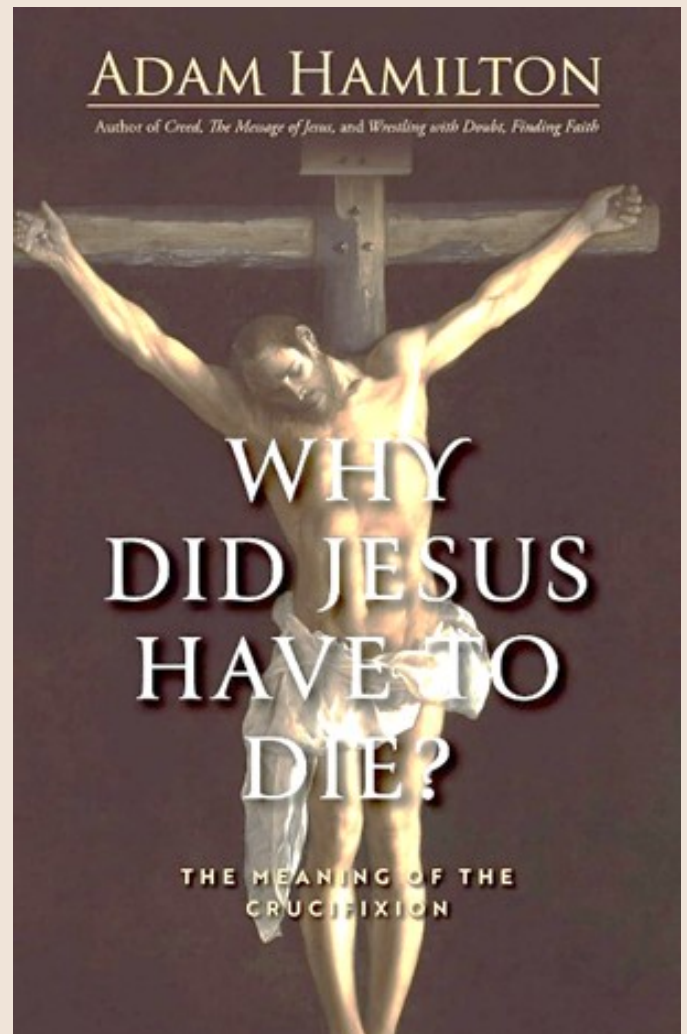
Christus Victor Theory of Atonement

Despite the crucifixion’s central place in Christian faith, the New Testament offers few clear answers about how Jesus’ death saves, or why, exactly, he had to die. The New Testament writers use a host of metaphors—ransom, sacrifice, reconciliation, victory—but never explain exactly how it works or why it had to happen this way.

What if that’s because we’ve been asking the wrong question? What if the cross isn’t a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform who we are and how we live?

Unpacking the meaning of the cross. The New Testament authors didn’t settle on one meaning of the crucifixion but instead offered a dozen or more metaphors to explain how it saves, but often without a clear explanation of how Jesus’s death accomplishes the saving work they describe. Because of this vagueness, wrapping our minds around the logic and meaning of the cross can cause us to miss the full impact it can have on our daily lives. *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* is written to help make sense of the crucifixion, to listen for how God might speak to us through it, and that we might say, along with Paul, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20).

All are invited to join one of these Sunday School classes during Lent as we dig deeper into the meaning of the cross.



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.



Take Part in a Denomination-wide SURVEY

We have received a request from Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton to share this opportunity with our congregation. This survey is authorized by the Council of Bishops and is designed to listen to United Methodists across our connection about the present and future of the United Methodist Church. The survey will be open from January 15 – February 15, 2026, and can be accessed using the QR code below. This is an important opportunity for clergy and laity alike to speak faithfully and prayerfully into the life of our Church. The survey is estimated to take only ten minutes. Let your voice be heard!



United Women In Faith Circle News

*United Women in Faith Circle Meetings
will be held on Monday, February 9.*

Circle #2 will meet at 12 noon at Elizabeth's Pizza. Please bring two Valentine cards in stamped envelopes.

Circle #8 will meet at 12:00 pm at the church in Room #222/224. Please RVSP to Marsha Havens (919-770-9257) or Janie Murphy (919-624-7518) if you plan to attend. We will be making Valentine cards for shut-ins. Our devotion will be provided by Susan Hardy.

All women are welcome! Please join us!

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



Flower Donations

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 8 will be given to the glory of God and in honor of Margaret Reid Jenkins on the occasion of her baptism. They are given with love by her parents, Garrett and Alex Jenkins.

To reserve a date to place flowers in one of our worship services in honor or memory of loved ones, or to celebrate a special occasion, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.



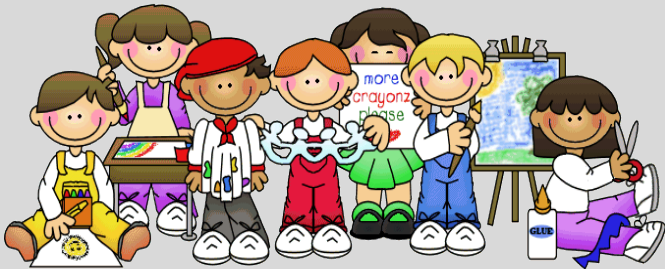
We are blessed with a wonderful facility in which to worship and serve God and we want to maintain it as God's house should be maintained! If you see anything around the church that needs attention ... things that are broken, dirty, need repair, light bulbs that need replacing, etc., please contact Rev. 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!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Rescheduled!
MEETING
Sunday, February 15
6:00 pm - Casey Chapel

It's Time to Register for Preschool

Enrollment for church members and current preschool families will open January 12th, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year. Please plan to stop by the preschool office to fill out a registration form. Enrollment opens to the public on January 29th.



**American
Red Cross
Blood
Drive**

Save a Life, Give Blood

Saint Luke UMC is sponsoring

a Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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 March 3 — Saint Luke UMC.

Hymn Sing

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

Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion

Thursday, February 5th at 1:30 pm

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



Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch

On **Sunday, February 15**, 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 helpful, but not required. To reserve a seat, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel or the church office (919-776-2012).

CUOC and Backpack Pals ****February 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 February, we are collecting BREAKFAST ITEMS for CUOC (cereal, granola bars, oatmeal, grits, muffin mix, pancake mix, and syrup). **For Backpack Pals we are collecting FRUIT** (individually wrapped fruit cups, applesauce, and raisins). 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 after-school children for making a year-long commitment to support the CUOC pantry and Backpack Pals.



Share
the
love

Attention: Marigolds and Roses! Change in Plans!
"Share-the-Love" Day
Sunday, February 22, 2026

Because of the winter weather that we had the last two weeks, we have re-scheduled our first group gathering for 2026. The NEW date is Sunday, February 22nd. Our outreach project is a Valentine "Share-the-Love" Day with residents at Parkview Retirement Village on Wicker Street. We will meet at 2:00 in the DCLC to assemble Valentine gift bags (all items will be provided), then carpool to Parkview to deliver them to the residents and staff members. We hope you will make plans now to join us on Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 in the DCLC. Let's share God's love with our friends at Parkview!



COFFEE HOUR

**Let's Have
Coffee!**

The
Emmaus Commu-

nity 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, January 25 for fellowship and coffee!



Membership Sundays:
February 8 and 15

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!

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 2/11 and 2/25.
Cost is \$7.

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.



In Case of Snow ...

Just a reminder that in the event of inclement weather, information about cancellations or delays for Saint Luke services will be posted on our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram), as well as on our website and WRAL. If possible, a "phone tree" message will be sent out as well. Even if services are being held, you are encouraged to use your best judgment and discretion in determining if it is safe for you to travel.

If inclement weather occurs on a weekday, the church office and Williams Lobby Desk generally follow the Lee County Schools' lead. If Lee County Schools are closed, we are also closed. However, if staff members can arrive safely, they will make every effort to be here.



**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.**



Join Pastor Eddie and Nita on Our Trip to Greece!

Journeys of Paul Tour

April 14-24, 2026

Last Call for All Aboard!!

After speaking with Wilcox World Travel and Tours, there is still room to join the adventure for our April trip, but time is of the essence. Contact Wilcox Travel as soon as possible (800-438-5828 or tourinfo@wilcoxtravel.com) to register.

Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime!



*Who Will Go to Red Bird in 2026?
Here am I ... send me!*

When brutal weather arrives, we're tempted to long for daffodils and warm, sunny days—or is that just me? Yet winter allows time for the earth to rest and for plants and trees to prepare for another showy spring. Red Bird Mission experiences a similar rhythm. Community outreach continues through various food, clothing, medical and educational ministries. The Work Camp staff, however, slows down a bit—taking time to assess needs that may be met by volunteers during the work season.

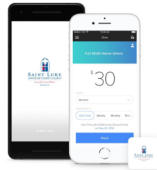
Work teams repeatedly return to Red Bird, arriving when winter's bite has passed. The place simply gets in your blood and in your spirit. Team members assist families who endure poverty and hardship daily, as well as help with repairs on the campus of this century-old Mission. Residents within the three-county area they serve depend on them—and the Mission depends on people like us. Saint Luke has traveled to Red Bird for eight, non-consecutive years. It is now time to plan our 9th adventure. *If you have given thought to joining the Red Bird team and are able to donate five days in 2026 to help our Kentucky neighbors, please contact Rev. Judy Drye.* The ministry done there is inspiring—and so is the view. As we hunker down in our warm homes this winter, may the Spirit lead us into how we may love and serve God and neighbor more fully.



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.



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!



Coming Spring of 2026 ...
the Confirmation Journey!

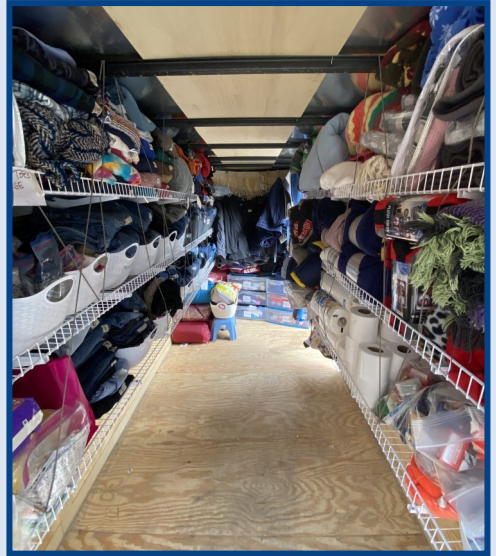
Youth in sixth grade and up are invited to join the journey. Call the church office to register (919-776-2012)!

Come join us!



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:

**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.



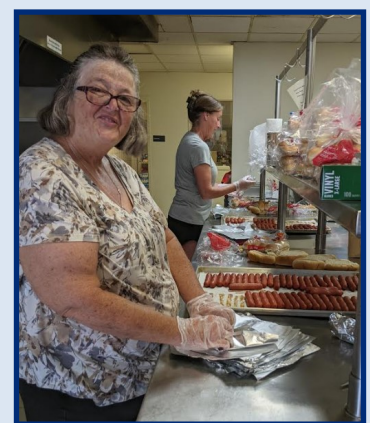
Upcoming Lead Cooks

- 2/8 Gus Gomez
- 2/15 TBD
- 2/22 Kim Hales

Upcoming Packing Teams

- 2/8 Peele / Young
- 2/15 Heins / Phillips
- 2/22 Stewart / Coggins

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

Maybe you don't feel like enough.

But neither did five loaves and two fish.

And look what God did with that.



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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.

Feb. 8 (9:00) Matt & Courtney Brown
(11:00) Faye White

Feb. 15 (9:00) Bruce & Pat Greybill
(11:00) Beverly O'Donnell

Feb. 22 (9:00) Danny & Beth Hart
(11:00) Patti Cox



DCLC (9:00 worship)

February: Shay Benton and Robin Showalter

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

February: Kim Hales, Chair, Elaine Thomas, and Linda Foushee



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



February 8

8:30 am Gregg Miller
9:00am Katie Harris
11:00 am Bob Joyce

February 15

8:30 am Sandra Hancock
9:00am Bryson Lyons
11:00 am Liz McGrath

February 22

8:30 am Bill Towson
9:00 am Susan Laudate
11:00 am Becky Whitaker

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



February 8 Drew Lyerly

February 15 Helen Yarborough

February 22 Nick Jones



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 4—11

Birthdays:

(2/5) Devin Layne
Mads Peek
Mitchell Showalter

(2/6) Preston Jones
Cathryn Perryman
Justin Smith
Zack Fowler

(2/8) Jackson Boyd
Jeff Frye

(2/9) Beverly Badgett

(2/10) Marion Boyd
Scott Miller
Nathan Spittler
Mary Tatum

(2/11) Becky Egbert
Emily Wicker
Jackson Wicker

Anniversaries

(2/10) Bob & Carole Troutman



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 2/1/26	\$13,354.20
Restricted Funds Received 2/1/26	\$0.00

February Attendance

	2024	2025	2026	2026 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2026 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*684	*324	*0	No Services	Snow Day
Week 2	*791	*312			
Week 3	*697	*340			
Week 4	*547	*264			
Week 5					
February Avg.	*680	*310			

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

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- ... our website has been updated and ready to use?
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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*

*Saint Luke
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Prayer Requests

Received as of February 4, 2026

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Keith Garner (USS Gettysburg)	May Mace	Georgann Roberts
Judy Baker	Ed Garrison	Pat Mace	Irene Smith
Chris Burns	Lisa Harden	Joe Martin	Patsy & Ira Smith
Patti and Stephen Cox	Marsha Havens	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Mackenzie Stinson
Sarah Curry	Denise Hedrick	Liz McGrath	Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard
Jean Davenport	Lloyd Jennings	Beulah Mooneyham	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Susie Dixon	Tom Joyner	Dave Nave	Kristin Vernon
Rev. Judy Drye	Claudia Key	Betty Newell	Gordon Washburn
Janet Edrington	Kevin Kirkman	Parker Normann	David Whitfield
Harvey Forbes	Susan Larsen	Jan Olsen	Heather McCoy Wicker
Linda Fowler	Hayley Liggett	Mary Jo Parks	Sandy Woodard
Savannah Lynn Franzoia	Dorothy Lloyd	Nick and Sally Porter	
Sandra Gallagher	Mary Loving	Bill Ray	

Other Known Prayer Requests

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

Sympathy to . . .

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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
Rodney Oldham
Laura Alverson
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Rebecca Little
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