

The + Acts

July 1, 2026



Here We Grow Again! Four Baptisms and Ten New Members!

What a joyful season it has been recently at Saint Luke! On Sunday, June 21, we had the privilege of baptizing four children and youth, and on Sunday, June 28th, we welcomed ten new members to Saint Luke! New members joined at all three of our worship services, and we couldn't be happier to see our church family growing! Check out pages six and seven of The Acts to learn more about our new members.

"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

On Father's Day during the 9:00 service, **Hayley, Drew, and Henry Liggett** were baptized. They are the children of Billy Liggett and Jennifer St. Clair. The Liggett family joined Saint Luke in February of 2024 and have been active members since then. Hayley and Drew were part of the Confirmation Class of 2024 and Henry was a member of the Confirmation Class of 2026.

During the 11:00 service, Preacher Eddie had the sweet honor of baptizing his grandson, **Lucian Roderick Hill**, who was born July 5, 2025. What a joy and blessing he is to his family! Lucian is the son of Jacob and Anita So Hill, and the grandson of Rev. Eddie and Nita Gregory Hill, and Kui Wah So.

We rejoice with both of these sweet families and pray that God will continue to bless them as they raise their children to know and love Him!



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Church Office Hours: 8:00—4:30 Monday-Thursday.
Closed on Fridays.
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Saint Luke UMC **Calendar of Events** **July 1—July 8, 2026**

Wednesday, July 1

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
 10:00 am Youth Missions Week (until 4 pm)

Thursday, July 2

10:00 am Youth Missions Week (until 4 pm)
 1:30 pm Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion—
 Parkview (1801 Wicker Street)

Saturday, July 4—Independence Day!

Sunday, July 5

9:00 am Biddle Class—Room #221/223
 Seekers Class—Room #225
 Something More Class—Room #228
 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary
 2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
 4:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, July 6

Church Office Closed—
 Independence Day Holiday

Tuesday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 8

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group—Rm. #232

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for July 5, 2026

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Psalm 45:10-17 or Psalm 72
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



Flower Donations

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, July 6 will be given to the glory of God by Dr. A. Dean Kesler, Jr. in loving memory of his wife, Judith W. Kesler on the 17th anniversary of her passing (July 9, 2009).

July Keenagers *Thursday, July 16th*

12:00 pm - Room #222/224

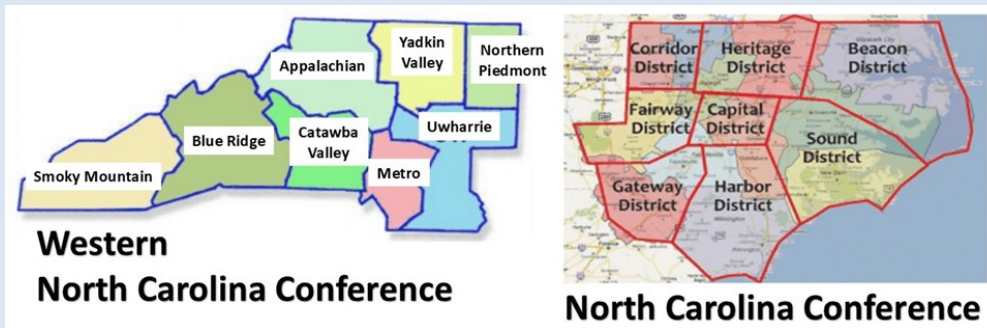
All Keenagers (men and women age 65 and up) are invited to attend! Come and share a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and a fun program with your Saint Luke friends! Cost for lunch is \$6. Please remember to sign up in Sunday School, or on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Monday, July 13th if you plan to attend. Don't miss it!!



The
 Church Office
 and the
 Williams Lobby
 Desk

will be CLOSED on
 Monday, July 6 for the
 Independence Day Holiday.

The Pastors' Page



PERHAPS YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING . . . What is Annual Conference?

Each year in The United Methodist Church, clergy and laity gather for “holy conferencing” with the membership of their annual conference, usually in the summer. We just completed our “holy conferencing” earlier in June. This is a time to celebrate shared ministries, enjoy fellowship, reconnect with friends, and worship together as the Body of Christ. The state of North Carolina has two conferences of The United Methodist Church: The Western North Carolina Conference (44 western counties of NC) and the North Carolina Conference (56 eastern counties of NC). Saint Luke UMC is part of the North Carolina Conference. Although my membership is with the Western North Carolina Conference, I am “on loan” to serve in the North Carolina Conference. I feel very fortunate to be in relationship with two excellent conferences of The United Methodist Church!

We also gather to do the “work” of the annual conference. As church leaders continue to navigate the journey through new opportunities and challenges, we work together to chart a hopeful path forward that will bring vitality and growth for the future of the church. The work of the annual conference begins with the executive session for clergy.

During the clergy executive session, persons are voted on to serve as pastors in the conference. This task is very important. Much preparation has been made by the Board of Ordained Ministry to offer candidates to the executive session of the clergy. In the clergy session, members approve the ordination of deacons and elders, the commissioning of clergypersons for provisional status, and the licensing of local pastors. Clergy are also “approved” to retire, combined with a hearty applause of gratitude for their ministry. Clergy who passed away during the year are remembered and celebrated.

PERHAPS YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING . . . What does it mean to be ordained in The United Methodist Church?

Here is an abbreviated explanation. Ordained clergy in The United Methodist Church spend many years going through the ordination process. It begins with becoming a certified candidate with approval from the Charge Conference of a local church. A certified candidate meets with their District Committee on Ministry, who offers support and guidance, as well as accountability as they navigate through the years of preparation, which includes ministry in a local church, and specific educational and seminary requirements. After the educational requirements and additional paperwork have been completed, a candidate meets with the Board of Ordained Ministry to be approved for commissioning as a provisional member of the annual conference. **Not all candidates are approved.** Many are deferred for additional studies and preparation. Once a person is commissioned at annual conference, they continue their ministry within a specific context for preparation to be ordained. After several years serving as a provisional member, persons may complete additional paperwork (answering ordination questions) and request to come before the Board of Ordained Ministry to be approved for ordination. Not everyone who goes through the long process is ordained. Many persons are deferred for further study and additional work, and never finish the ordination process.

In The United Methodist Church, ordination is not a simple process. The United Methodist Church has high standards and expectations for its ordained clergy. Even after a person is ordained, there are various levels of accountability. It is a life-long commitment to the church. Saint Luke UMC has three ordained clergypersons serving the church: Pastor Eddie, Pastor Judy, and me. What a joy it is to be in ministry with these clergy, and serve the great people of Saint Luke UMC!

PERHAPS YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING . . . NOW, YOU KNOW!

Pastor Charlotte

Just for July ...



Just for July, and just to change things up a little bit, we are trying something new! For the month of July, we will have ONE worship service at 10:00 am each Sunday. We will alternate locations between the Sanctuary and Davenport Christian Life Center each week. This will also give us an opportunity to get to know each other better as we will all be together in one service! On the weeks we are in the Sanctuary, Rodney will play and there will be special musical offerings. On the weeks we are in the DCLC, Curtis and the Wicker Street Band will lead the music. Children's Church will continue to meet during the service. We will not have Children's or Youth Sunday School during the month of July. If Adult Sunday School classes wish to meet, they have the option of meeting before or after the worship service.

Sunday, July 5 - Sanctuary
Sunday, July 12 - Davenport CLC
Sunday, July 19 - Sanctuary
Sunday, July 26 - Davenport CLC

"Colorful July"

Each Sunday in July we will have a little fun wearing colorful clothes with a different theme each week.



♦ **July 5 is Patriotic Colors Day.** Everyone is invited to wear red, white, and blue in celebration of Independence Day.

♦ **July 12 is Hawaiian Shirt Day.** If you don't have a Hawaiian print, just wear something bright! Then join us that afternoon from 4—5:30 pm for "Beat the Heat!"



♦ **July 19 is Black and White Day.** Everyone is encouraged to wear black or white—or both!

♦ **July 26 is School Colors Day.** Support your favorite school (college, high school, or even elementary school) by wearing your school colors.



Each week we will take a group picture and will share it in the Acts. Join in the fun!!

Please join us!!

BEAT THE HEAT!!

Sunday, July 12, 2026

4 - 5:30 pm

Water Carnival,

Special Frozen Treats,

Games, and FUN for All Ages!!

Invite Your Friends!

Saint Luke UMC
2916 Wicker Street
Sanford, NC 27330



Eddie Baker

A warm welcome is extended to **Eddie Baker**, who joined during the 8:30 worship service in the Casey Chapel. Eddie is a native of Sanford and attended Sanford Central High School. He is a graduate of Wake Tech and NC State Floral Designs School. Eddie is the owner of Floral Designs by Eddie. He stays busy making the world a more beautiful place with his gorgeous floral arrangements, but in his spare time, he enjoys reading, helping other people, gardening, and spending time with family.

Grayson and Virginia Blankenship

At the 9:00 service, we were delighted to welcome **Grayson and Virginia Blankenship** to the Saint Luke family. Grayson has a degree in Computer Science and works in Game Development. In his free time, he enjoys golf, music (both piano and guitar), cars, computers, and camping. Virginia's degree is in Metal Smithing and she works as a metal smith. Her hobbies include hiking, traveling, surfing, and art.



Matthew and Sarah Prickett

Another wonderful addition to Saint Luke is the Prickett family, who also joined during the 9:00 service. Matthew graduated from UNCW with a degree in Computer Science and Statistics. He works as a Software Quality Assurance Analyst for Epic Games. Matthew likes history, theology, and classic literature. He enjoys science fiction and fantasy books, movies, and video games. Sarah has a degree in Psychology from UNCW as well as a Master's in Library and Information Science from UNCG. She enjoys reading, playing cozy video games, singing, and spending time with her husband and dog. The Pricketts are expecting their first child—a little boy—this fall.



Sam and Jana Fransen and Brad Fransen

We are pleased to welcome **Sam and Jana Fransen and their son, Brad** to the Saint Luke family. The Fransens joined during the 11:00 service. Sam has a degree in Business Administration from North Carolina State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He worked for approximately 45 years in a major home appliance industry until his retirement about a year and a half ago. Sam enjoys music and singing, gardening, cooking, and walking, and would love to play more golf. Jana has a degree in Business from the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. She worked for about 35 years in the human resources field until her retirement about three years ago. Jana enjoys quilting, gardening, reading, and cooking, and would like to take a pottery class. Brad grew up in DeRidder, Louisiana where he graduated from DeRidder High School. His interests include automobile restoration, travel, and camping.



Larry and Becki Whitmer

Also joining during the 11:00 service were **Larry and Becki Whitmer**. Larry attended Northern Virginia Community College and the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. He is a retired Law Enforcement Officer and has worked as a QC Trainer for a security company. In his spare time, Larry enjoys running and reading. Becki attended Medix School for Medical Assistant and Transcription and enjoyed a career in that field, and has also worked as a school secretary. In her free time, Becki enjoys taking classes at YMCA, reading, and traveling. Larry and Becki welcomed their first grandchild on June 8th, so we suspect any spare time they have will be spent snuggling the new grandbaby!

We are delighted to welcome each of these new members and look forward to worshiping and serving alongside them. Welcome to the Saint Luke family!



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

Ladies Lunch & Learn

"Unto the Least of These"

Wednesday, July 15

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Davison's Restaurant

1724 Westover Drive



Our Ladies Lunch & Learn will begin Year #3 in July! New theme for 2026-2027: **"Unto the Least of These."** Matthew 25:34b-40 is our Scriptural foundation.

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

*37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, **just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'***

Each month we will celebrate a different outreach ministry in our community. A guest speaker will join us to share about a special ministry, how people are helped, and the greater impact the ministry has in the Sanford area. This year is all about people helping people, as we learn more about how God is moving in our midst through ministries with the least among us. Join us for a unique year exploring outreach "unto the least of these."

Our Guest Speaker for Wednesday, July 15 is Laura Spivey, Executive Director of Outreach Mission Inc. Outreach Mission Inc. (OMI) operates as a fully integrated housing system that connects emergency services, housing access, financial empowerment, and long-term support. The result is a structured pathway that moves individuals from crisis to stability while promoting independence, reducing reliance on public systems, and strengthening the overall community. Their "Hands Up to Housing" Program empowers clients to gain knowledge and tools to achieve the goal of obtaining stable housing. Rather than placing clients in housing without the skills to move forward, OMI works with clients to help them budget, find stable employment and move forward. Executive Director Laura Spivey will share about several other programs available through Outreach Mission Inc.

We will gather at Davison's Restaurant in the back room at 11:30 am to eat lunch together (Dutch Treat), then enjoy a time of sharing and learning. Ladies Lunch & Learn is for women of all ages! Ladies are encouraged to bring a friend. Women do not need to be a member of Saint Luke UMC. Please call the church office to reserve your seats. For more information contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel.

Ladies of all ages are welcome! Bring a friend!

VBS 2026 - "What a Wonderful World"
Sneak Peek! More next week!





SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES

Dear St. Luke Friends:

Please forgive me for being out of touch about our progress with the military coupon program. I wanted to let you know that we are still involved with our friends at Jonesboro UMC in collecting and sending coupons to our military families serving overseas. I know that the flyers aren't as plentiful as in past years but we feel that anything we can do to support these families, we should. Even the smallest of flyers can give up \$300 or more, so that all helps.

As of June 21, we have collected \$53,275 which is a good number **but we can do more the rest of the year!** We can accept coupons that are up to four months past their expiration. We cannot accept coupons printed on the computer. We have a box in the closet in the Williams Lobby where you can leave your flyers. Please continue to support this important project for those dedicated service families overseas. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Susan Larsen
919-935-2990



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. 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!

Youth Ministry

UMYF!!

Every Sunday

4:30 - 6:00 pm

in the

Harriss Youth House

See YOU there!

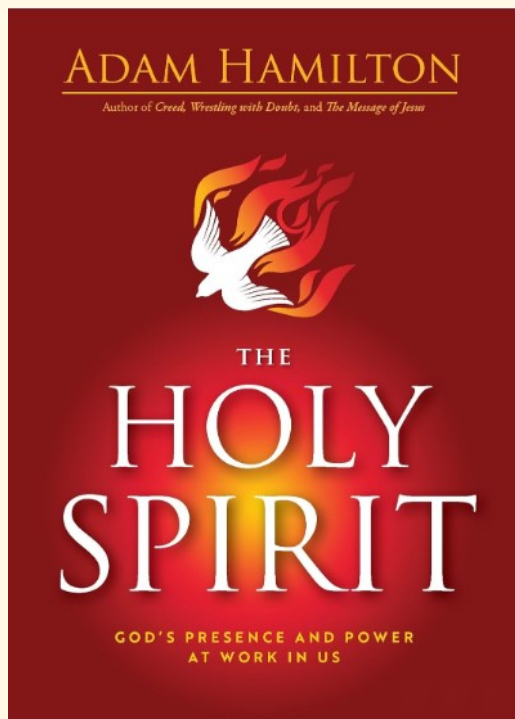


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vulnerable persons

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Questions? Please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel.



Summer Bible Study!

Mondays in August

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Room #227

This year our Summer Bible study is a five-week study on the Holy Spirit, the often-overlooked person of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). This study will meet from 4:00-5:00 pm every Monday in August: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. We will meet in Room 227 (Asbury Room). All are welcome to participate. This study will be led by Rev. Charlotte Brendel.

For this Bible study, we will use Adam Hamilton's most recent book, *"The Holy Spirit: God's Presence and Power at Work in*

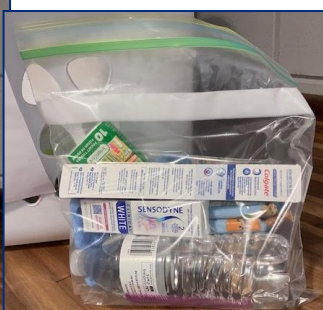
Us." We will explore together how the Holy Spirit is at work in the world. The Holy Spirit is God's active presence and power at work in the world and in our lives. Through the Spirit, we are transformed, led, empowered, and guided in our faith journey. Jesus promised his followers that the Spirit would come alongside them as comforter and counselor, empowering them to transform the world.

This study explores what Scripture teaches about God's Spirit. We will study Scripture from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) through Jesus' promises in the Gospels, the powerful Pentecost experience in Acts, and the rich teachings found in the New Testament letters. Our time together will help participants understand and experience the Holy Spirit's presence and power in their daily walk with Christ. This Bible study is a powerful, practical invitation for us to pay attention to the Holy Spirit at work in and through us. Please call the church office (919-776-2012) to register for our Summer Bible Study. Books are \$20 each and may be picked up in the church office.

All are welcome! Make plans to join us!

Pick up an Agape Bag to Share with Someone in Need!

It's summertime, and temperatures are heating up! Our Agape Bag baskets have been re-stocked and are ready to help those who need them. Be sure to pick up an Agape Bag in the Williams Lobby or the sanctuary narthex this week to share with our neighbors who are in need. Each bag contains toiletry items,



snacks, and water, and can be given to anyone you meet who might be helped by them. It's an easy way to share God's love!

WINDSTREAM

BREAKFAST



IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Men's Prayer Breakfast
will be **TAKING A BREAK**
this summer.

We will **NOT MEET**
in June, July or August.
We will resume in September.

SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Around the World

A Christmas Dinner Extravaganza for Women

Tuesday, December 8, 2026

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Davenport Christian Life Center

Tickets \$20

Love Offering
for Missions

Featuring Special Guests:

Bishop Connie Shelton,

North Carolina Conference

The United Methodist Church

and

Bill Mann,

Jazz Saxophonist Extraordinaire

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.

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



**American
Red Cross
Blood
Drive**

**Saint Luke UMC is sponsoring
a Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Save a Life, Give Blood

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 July 7 — Saint Luke UMC.

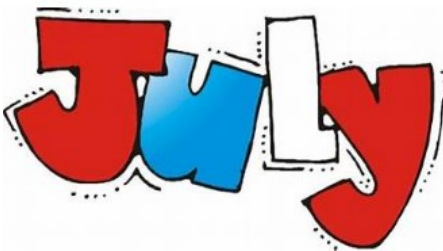
Donors will receive an American Red Cross Looney Tunes t-shirt while supplies last!



Gently Used Children's Books Wanted!

The ARK will soon begin giving out gently used children's books each week. If you have books that your kids have outgrown or they no longer want, this is a great way to share them with others! Donations may be brought to the bin in the Williams Lobby closet. New books are also

welcome if you'd like to donate some to this worthy cause!



CUOC and Backpack Pals **July 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 July, we are collecting PASTA SAUCE for CUOC. For Backpack Pals we are collecting GRITS/OATMEAL PACKS. 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.



SAMUEL J. WORNOM-SECU COMMUNITY SHELTER

One Year Anniversary Celebration

Fundraiser and Silent Auction

July 30th | Thursday

6pm to 8pm

5:30 DOORS OPEN

6:00 DINNER SERVED

DENNIS A. WICKER CIVIC CENTER
SANFORD, NC

Individual Tickets \$40
Table Sponsor (8 guests) \$400



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WE THANK OUR



Many, many thanks to our **Friends Group #2** and **helpers** for delivering Meals on Wheels in June. Our volunteers were: **Tom Coggin, Patti Cox, Joyce Edmonds, Linda Foushee, Pam Gordon, Kim Hales, Marsha and Ted Havens, Kathy Jones, Ann and Neal Kightlinger, Susan Laudate, Lee LeLiever, Ellen Mangum, Holly Post, Bob Sanford, Kay Stout, Bob Troutman, Brenda Warf, 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.

Online
Giving

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 in July at 10:00

Jesus
loves me
this I know

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:

Medium or Large Men's Boxers
Toilet Paper
Gently used shorts - men's or women's

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

7/5 Pat Greybill
 7/12 Gus Gomez
 7/19 Kim Hales

Upcoming Packing Teams

Genesis Sunday School / Coggins
 Johnson / Peele
 Stewart / Harrington / Coggins

Loving God, Loving Others.





Attention: GUYS! Fairway District UMM Scholarship Available!

The Fairway District United Methodist Men is offering a scholarship to young men from churches in the Fairway District who will be attending a college or trade school during the 2026-2027 academic year. If you'd like an application, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or laura@saintlukeumc.org.

Deadline to apply is July 17, 2026.

Don't miss this opportunity!

Thought for the Day

"Hearing the birds sing outside is a good reminder They don't wait to see what kind of day it will be - they just sing!"



Melinda Blair

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"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!



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 10:00 service in the Davenport CLC, please be in place in the Williams Lobby at 9:40 am.

Greeters for the 10:00 service in the Sanctuary, please be in the Perry Foyer at 9:40 am.

- July 5 (10:00)** Jim Murray and Kristy Arey, Jan Hayes (**Sanctuary**)
- July 12 (10:00)** Danny and Beth Hart, Kim Osborne (**DCLC**)
- July 19 (10:00)** Ted Havens, Bruce & Pat Greybill (**Sanctuary**)
- July 26 (10:00)** Matt & Courtney Brown, Betsy James (**DCLC**)



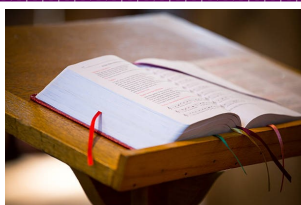
DCLC (10:00 worship)

July: Susanne Heins and Beth Hart

Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (10:00 worship)

July: Sally Porter (chair); Molly Whitaker, Gwen Babcock, and Jamie Hockaday

Scripture Readers Schedule



July 5

10:00 am Bryson Lyons and Dave Nave
(10:00 service in the Sanctuary)

July 12

10:00 am Neal Kightlinger and Beverly Suitt
(10:00 service in the DCLC)

July 19

10:00 am Bruce Greybill
(10:00 service in the Sanctuary)

July 26

10:00am Chan Bryant and Matthew Miller
(10:00 service in the DCLC)

Lead Ushers for 10:00 Worship



- July 5** Sanctuary Crew (Leslie Cox)
- July 12** Nick Jones
- July 19** Sanctuary Crew (Leslie Cox)
- July 26** Travis Beal

Attendance Counter for 10:00 Worship



- July 5** Bruce Greybill
- July 12** Jimmy Keen
- July 19** Holden Keen
- July 26** Neal Kightlinger

*He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings.
Psalm 91:4*

*Serve the Lord with gladness.
Psalm 100:2*



Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1—July 8

Birthdays:

(7/1) Catherine Wicker

(7/2) Grayson Santucci

(7/3) Emma Gray Wilson

(7/4) Zach Beemer
Lori Gerstner

(7/5) Lucian Hill

(7/6) Spencer Cameron
Michael Carter
Zeke Connors
Kel Normann

(7/7) Matt Brown
Brenda Cobb
Cindy Teel

(7/8) Sam Benton
Liz Gay
Gordon Washburn

Anniversaries

(7/1) Kenny & Gwyn Maples

(7/4) Christina & Eric Stone



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 6/21/26	\$10,480.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 6/28/26	\$10,976.50
Designated Funds Received 6/21/26	\$275.00
Designated Funds Received 6/28/26	\$100.00

June Attendance

	2024	2025	2026	2026 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2026 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*421	*359	*267	34/108/66	18/41
Week 2	*512	*234	*298	33/145/61	31/28
Week 3	*442	*261	*272	37/120/62	20/33
Week 4	*463	*260	*241	47/107/50	18/19
Week 5	*491	*155			
June Avg.	*466	*254	*270		

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

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

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Prayer Requests

Received as of July 1, 2026

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Sandra Gallagher	Mary Loving	Georgann Roberts
Judy Baker	Ed Garrison	Claudia Mace	Irene Smith
Annie Bolger	Pat Greybill	Pat Mace	Patsy & Ira Smith
Chris Burns	Lisa Harden	Joe Martin	Mackenzie Stinson
Dee-El Caines	Marsha Havens	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard
Patti and Stephen Cox	Bob and Barbara Hughes	Liz McGrath	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Sarah Curry	Lloyd Jennings	Bob Michaud	Kristin Vernon
Jean Davenport	Jimmy Keen	Beulah Mooneyham	Gordon Washburn
Susie Dixon	Claudia Key	Parker Normann	Margie Washburn
Janet Edrington	Kevin Kirkman	Jan Olsen	David Whitfield
Harvey Forbes	Susan Larsen	Nick Porter	Heather McCoy Wicker
Linda Fowler	Dorothy Lloyd	Bill Ray	Sandy Woodard
			Helen Yarborough

Other Known Prayer Requests

Larry Andrews	Daniel Facemire	Susan Lewis	Debi Ringer
Deborah Alvord	Fred & Lisa Ferguson	Hannah Lindsey	Barbara Rivera
Gray Barnhill	Carol Fuller	Elliot Mann	Sean Robbins
Bruce and Linda Benton	Lynn Gagliardi	Daniel McCraw (USAF)	Roy Rud and family
Jan Brooks	Dr. Roy Gaines, Jr.	Allyssa McNeal	Sally Lawrence Sandifer
Bonnie Brown	Teresa Goins	Mary Gibbs Mickleberry	Juanita Showalter
Moses Cabrera	Keri Grant	Robert Newby	Paula Smith
Betty Caldwell	Tim Gregory	Daniel Newman	Ryan Smith
Karen and Brian Caldwell	Bill Hart	Carlie Anne Nicholson	Jackson Snipes
Helen Cole	Lura Hill	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Betty Spence
Norman Cooper	Margaret Hubbard	Donna Parrish	Blake Strickland
Jamie Covil	Rick Huneycutt	Greg Patterson	Denny Swarmer
Jeff Cummings	Jamie Hunt	Wade and Janie Peele	Dr. Vance Thomas
Linda & Dalton Davis	Beckisue Brown Joyner	Helen Krick Poole	Lavelle and Sharon Waters
Pat Dillon	Scott Keller	Kate Redenbaugh	Jimmy Wilkins
Diedre Dowdy	David Lane	Andy Reeder	William Beckett "Beck"
Brian Drye	Joel Lawrence	Cliff Rice	Woodell
Martha Eigenbrodt	Susan Lawrence	Tina Rickard	Connie Zaring

Sympathy to . . .

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List or to request a pastoral visit, please use a Prayer Request card or call the church office.

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Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

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

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

Lead Pastor
Associate Pastor
Minister of Visitation
Children and Family Ministry
Youth and Young Adult 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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