

The Acts

March 11, 2026



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

A Baptism and a New Member!

"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

Sunday, March 8 was a beautiful day outside as well as within the walls of Saint Luke, and especially in our hearts as we witnessed the baptism of **Caroline Frances Tatum** and received her mother, **Davis Tatum**, as the newest member of Saint Luke.

Caroline was born April 17, 2025. She is the daughter of Russell and Davis Tatum and the granddaughter of Michael and Mary Tatum and Alan and Kim Holt. Her great-grandparents are Betsy James and Shirley Holt.

Davis graduated from Lee County High School in 2015 and from Meredith College in 2019. She is a Kindergarten teacher at BT Bullock Elementary School. Davis and Russell, who is already a member of Saint Luke, have been married since December, 2023. She loves spending time with her family and friends—and we are happy that Davis is now a part of the Saint Luke family!

We rejoice with this sweet family and pray that God will bless them as they raise Caroline to know and love Him, and we look forward to worshipping and serving alongside them.

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919-776-2012



SAINT LUKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God. Loving Others.
SANFORD, NC



**Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events**



March 11—March 18, 2026

Wednesday, March 11

- 7:00 pm Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
- 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting Group—Rm. #232
- 12:00 pm Lenten Service and Lunch—DCLC
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Thursday, March 12

- 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
- 12:15 pm Lunch Bunch Readers—Room #222/224
- 1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #228
- 5:30 pm Pickleball—Davenport CLC

Saturday, March 14

- 11:00 am Youth Service Project—Off Site

Sunday, March 15—Membership Sunday

- 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—Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm 50+ Singles Lunch—Davison's Steaks—
(1724 Westover Drive)
- 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
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class—Parker Chapel
(Room #234)

Monday, March 16

- 8:00 am Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
(Upstairs Classrooms—until 5 pm)
- 9:30 am Women's Events Meeting—Library
- 5:30 pm Pints with the Pastor—Camelback
Brewing Co. (804 Spring Lane)
- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee—Virtual

Tuesday, March 17

- 5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
- 8:00 am Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
(Upstairs Classrooms until 5 pm)
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
- 5:30 pm SPRC Meeting—Conference Room
- 7:00 pm The ARK Team—Room #222/224

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
- 9:00 am Audit Team—Conference Room
- 12:00 pm Lenten Service and Lunch—DCLC
- 6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for March 15, 2026

I Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



*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.



*Membership Sunday:
March 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!



The Pastors' Page



*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

(Traditional Irish Blessing)



With St. Patrick's Day in the month of March, I invite us to reflect on the impact St. Patrick left us. Many do not know his story. It is certainly worth re-telling!

Here is the short version of the story of St. Patrick:

St. Patrick was born in England in the late 4th century. At the age of sixteen, his village was attacked by Irish pirates. Patrick was captured, and taken to Ireland as a slave where he worked as a shepherd, herding sheep. During that time in captivity, he turned to Christianity for solace. After six years as a shepherd, he escaped and returned to his homeland, England, and became a priest. In a dream, Patrick received a vision that the people of Ireland begged him to come back. He believed this was God calling him to return to Ireland. So, he returned to Ireland as a missionary.



St. Patrick used familiar symbols and customs to teach the Irish people about Christianity. One such symbol was the three-leaved shamrock, which he used to explain the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He contributed significantly to spreading Christianity throughout Ireland. St. Patrick is celebrated not only for his spiritual leadership, but also for his deep love for the Irish culture.

The beloved Irish blessing printed at the top of the page is simple, but it carries deep spiritual truth about how God walks with us through our entire life. Life often feels like an uphill journey. We are reminded that God goes before us, preparing the path. We can fully trust God, even when the road is difficult. God's Holy Spirit strengthens us, encourages us, and moves us forward, especially when we feel weary or discouraged. Even in the darkest seasons of life, God's love fills our hearts and reminds us that God's grace is always present. The last line, "May God hold you in the palm of His hand," is the heart of this blessing. It's also my favorite. No matter where we go, or what we face, we are never outside of God's care. God holds us securely. Imagine yourself, in your darkest moment, being fully embraced by a loving, caring, gentle God. This is what we all need today.

No matter what you may be dealing with, or what you are going through right now, may this Irish Blessing speak to your heart. And if that is not enough, then allow God to touch your heart through this blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."*

Holy God, thank you for walking with us on every road we travel. Guide our steps, strengthen our hearts, renew our spirits, and remind us that we are always in your care. Deepen our faith, and help us fully trust that you are walking beside us with every step of our journey, holding our lives in the palm of your hand. Amen.

Pastor Charlotte

RISE TO THE OCCASION
FOR
RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Lenten Mission Project

LENT

\$1 a day
for
40 days



The questions arise each year: “What will you give up for Lent?” While our small sacrifices do not compare to Jesus’ *ultimate* sacrifice, they do remind us that Easter came at great cost. We are part of God’s great story of self-giving love, and we, too, are called to give selflessly and wholly. As we practice a holy Lent, we are invited to live into Jesus’ life, sufferings, death, and his glorious resurrection by spending time in prayer and reflection. We also are invited to consider how we may continue Jesus’ saving and healing ministries today. Shouldn’t we also ask ourselves, “What shall I add?”

In answer to those two questions, Saint Luke’s Missions Committee challenges everyone to a unique Lenten discipline. We invite you to **donate \$1 each day for the 40 days of Lent** (more if you like). The goal is to raise **\$4500** to sponsor a RISE AGAINST HUNGER packing event on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Davenport Christian Life Center. This is a family-friendly event and a fun way for all generations within our church family to come together in service. As we “give up” and “add to” our Lenten disciplines, we will be supporting a vital hunger ministry at a time when it is most needed.

Look for baskets containing the plastic bags that have been provided for you to collect your daily donation outside each of our worship spaces.

When you are ready to turn in your donation, you may place it in the offering plate in the plastic bag provided, or return it to the church office. **If you would like your donation to appear on your 2026 Giving Statement**, please be sure to write your name on a piece of paper and place it in the zip-lock bag with your offering so that we know who to credit it to. Alternatively, you can write a check to Saint Luke UMC marked “Lenten Mission—Rise Against Hunger” on the memo line.



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.



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 and discussion. Invite your friends!

Monday, 3/16
5:30 pm
Camelback
Brewing Co.
804 Spring Lane

JOIN US FOR "PINTS WITH THE PASTOR"



Jesus with a Twist

New Year! New Venue!

New opportunity to join Jesus with a Twist!

Next Gathering:
March 26

Vinous Wine Bar
112 S. Steele Street

All women are invited!
Bring your friends!



Learning to Serve God by Serving Others

Did you know that the children who attend JAM on Sunday afternoons help with the ARK? They are learning to serve God by serving others! The children help assemble toiletry bags, packets of knives, forks, spoons, napkins, and blessing cards that are given out with the ARK meals, and even help in the kitchen as the meals that will be delivered are assembled each week. There is room for everyone in the ARK Ministry—from our youngest to our oldest! If you'd like to get involved, contact Lisa Harrington (919-770-2595) or Kim Osborne (919-545-4838) and they will be happy to help you find a way to serve!





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!

Lenten Lunch Week Three - A Great Meal, a Great Message, and Warm Fellowship!



This week, we had about 64 people in attendance.

Rev. Ann Kelly from Trinity Lutheran Church shared the message. The soup and sandwich lunch was delicious, as always. Many thanks to all who came! Join us next week as Dr. Beatrice Smith shares an inspiring message!



5TH SUNDAY
COMBINED WORSHIP
& COVERED DISH LUNCH
March 29, 2026

- ◆ **ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP** at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary (No Sunday School)
- ◆ **Church-Wide Covered Dish Lunch** in the DCLC immediately after worship
 - ◆ The church will provide the meat for our meal. Everyone is asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Please bring enough for your family and some to share. (Please drop your food off in the Forbes Family Kitchen as you arrive for worship.)
 - ◆ Watch for sign up sheets coming soon and please sign up so we know how much meat to buy and how many places to set!

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, Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones,
Seekers, Asbury, Something More, Genesis,
and Wesley/Parker/Hunter

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

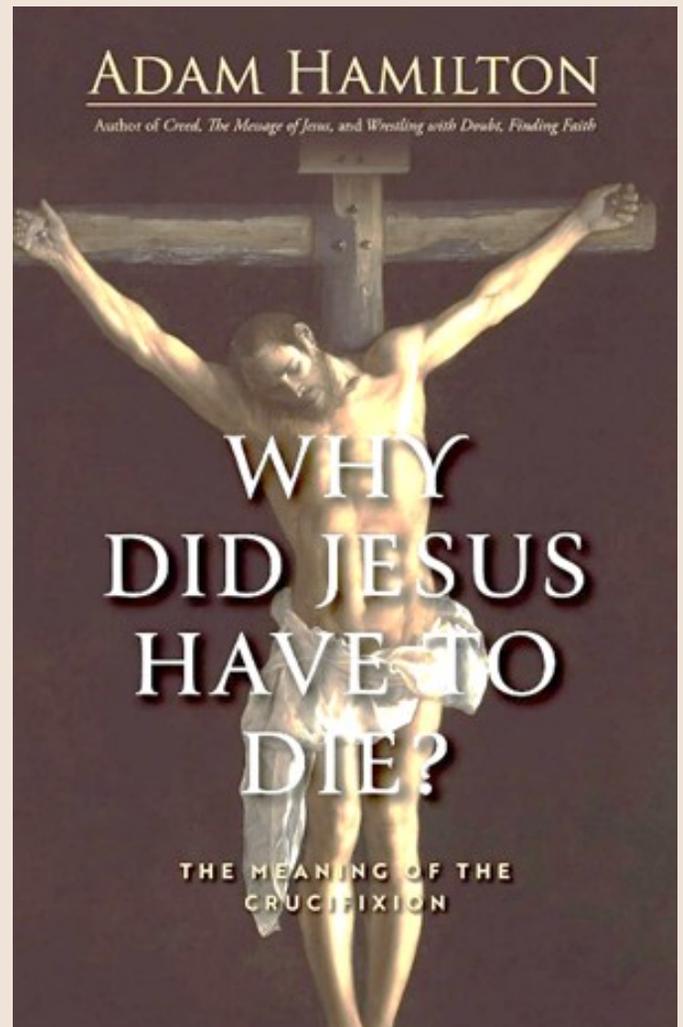
Christus Victor Theory of Atonement

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.

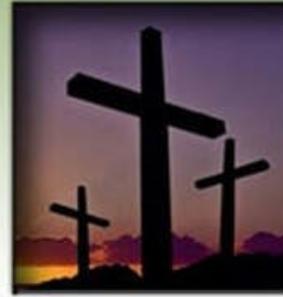
What if that’s because we’ve been asking the wrong question? What if the cross isn’t a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform who we are and how we live?

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.



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

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!



Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch

Our next Singles 50+ Luncheon is Sunday, March 15. We will meet at 12:15 (or as soon as possible after the 11:00 worship service) at Davison's Restaurant (1724 Westover



Drive) All singles age 50+ are invited to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and building relationships. Lunch is Dutch Treat. Contact the church office and let us know you are coming. Reservations are helpful, but not required, so please come if you can.



Join us!
Sunday, March 15
12:15 pm
Davison's Steaks!

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



Tuesday May 12, 2026

5:30-7:30pm

Elks Club

910 Carthage St

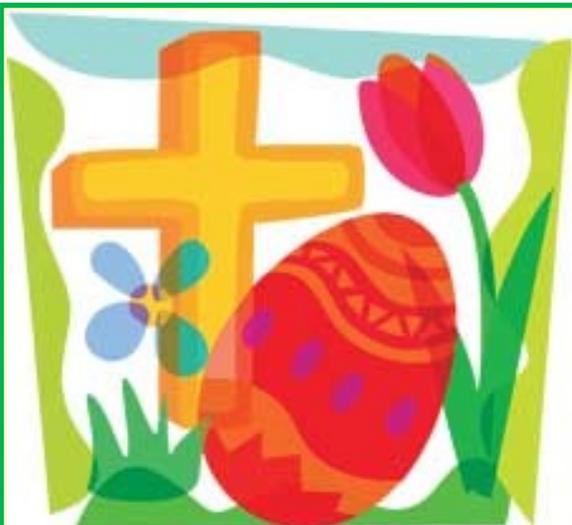
Sanford, NC 27330

Tickets \$35

Call 919.718.1540







Calling all Children!
Please join us
Sunday, March 29
from 4 - 5 pm
for our annual

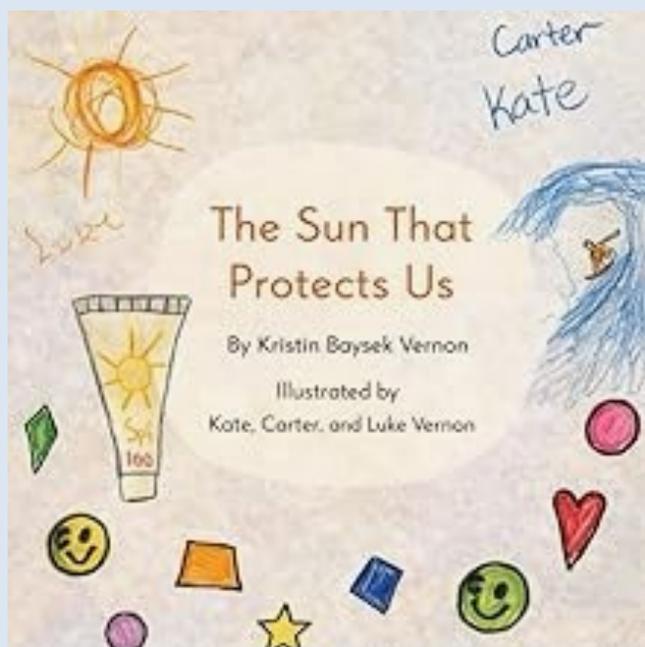
Easter Egg Hunt

We will have hunts for babies, toddlers, preschoolers,
and school age children through 5th grade.

Bring your Easter basket and meet in the Davenport CLC.

A snack will be provided.





Kristin Baysek Vernon, one of our members, is battling melanoma. She wrote this precious and informative children's book to help educate young ones about sun protection and safety. Her children, Kate, Carter, and Luke, helped to illustrate the book, *The Sun That Protects Us*, which is available on Amazon and in our church library!



11 Spiral-sliced Hams Needed!

The ARK Ministry Team is planning to provide a special Easter meal for our ARK friends. The main dish will be ham. Donations of spiral sliced hams are needed to make this possible. Will you donate one? If so, please call or text Pat Greybill at 919-999-7632.

A Change for the On-Call Phone and Schedule



After discussion, we have decided to discontinue the "on-call phone" as it was not being used very frequently. Rather than having an on-call schedule, we encourage you to call any of our clergy if you have a pastoral emergency after office hours or on the weekend. Their numbers are available in our Church Directory app.

If you don't have the app, it's easy to download—but remember, you **MUST** use the email address that you submitted and it **MUST** be included in the directory in order to use the mobile app.

To download the app, go to your App Store and search "Instant Church Directory." Enter your email address. You will then create and confirm a password. Instant Church Directory will send a confirmation email to your address. Click on the link and follow the steps to register. It's as simple as that! Your Church Directory will always be handy—right on your phone or smart device. If you need to be added to the directory, please contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.



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, March 22 for fellowship and coffee!



Sunday evenings from 6 - 7 pm
Meet in Parker Chapel
Schedule of Events

- March 1 Why were we created?
- March 8 The Creation of the Church
- March 15 Why was Saint Luke created?
- March 20 Confirmation Lock-In
- March 22 What are we creating?
- March 30 Field Trip
- April 26 Confirmation Sunday



*A New Paschal Candle
for the Casey Chapel*

Many thanks to **Molly Whitaker** for her gift to the church of a new Paschal candle for the Casey Chapel. This beautiful candle will be lit at baptisms, funerals and memorial services, and during certain times in the liturgical year. We greatly appreciate this gift, which will enhance our worship services in the Casey Chapel for many years to come. Thank you!



Isn't God the Best Artist?!

The picture at left of a gorgeous sunset was taken recently by John Mangum. Thank you, John, for sharing it with us! We don't have to look far to be reminded of God's majesty and His creativity. It's all around us!

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 3/11 and 3/25.
Cost is \$7.



and

KINGDOM KIDS

meets each Sunday at 4:00 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.

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.**



Join Pastor Eddie and Nita on Our Trip to Greece!

Journeys of Paul Tour

April 14-24, 2026

There's Room for Two!!

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!



CUOC and Backpack Pals ****March 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 March, we are collecting FRUIT for CUOC (canned, fruit cups, jelly, or dried fruit). **For Backpack Pals we are collecting INDIVIDUAL CEREALS** (individual sized boxes or cups, any kind, any brand). 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



SUBSPASH

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Jesus loves me
this I know



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!



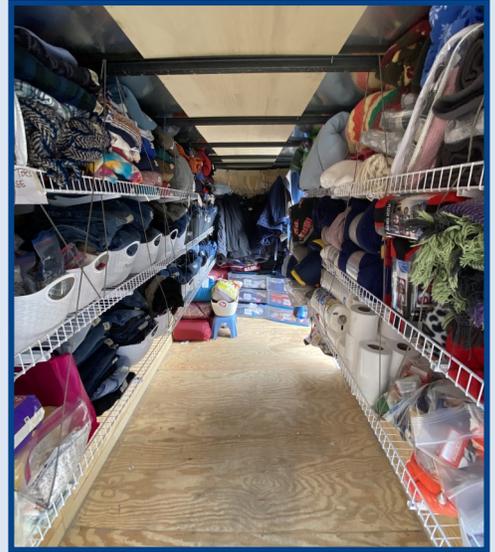
See It?? Say It!!

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!



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

3/15 Kim Hales

3/22 Gus Gomez

3/29 Jan Hayes

Upcoming Packing Teams

Stewart / Coggins

3/15

Peele / Osborne

3/22

Heins / Bryant and Something More

3/29

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!

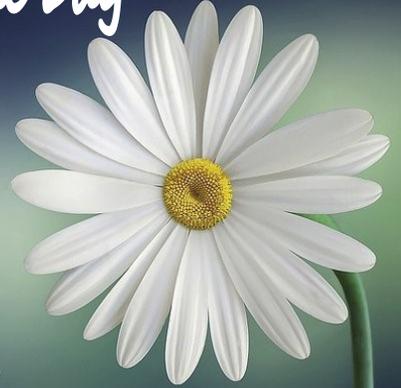
Please save your pop tops from aluminum cans and bring them to the marked bin in the collection closet in the Williams Lobby. They will be donated to the

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

"A person who seeks God in everything will end up seeing God in everything."



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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.

Welcome!
Thanks for Joining Us Today!
Glad you are here!
Hope to see you again.

Greeters Ministry

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.

March 15 (9:00) Carson & Taylor Wilson
 (11:00) Ted Havens

March 22 9:00) Stewart & Blake Post
 (11:00) Betsy James

March 29 (10:00) Buck & Katie Harris and Faye White

Altar Guild



DCLC (9:00 worship)

March: Helen Yarborough and Dawn Shepard

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

March: Betsy Lucas (Chair), Nancy Cameron, and Nancy Thomas

Scripture Readers Schedule



March 15

8:30 am Ronnie Jones
 9:00 am Neal Kightlinger
 11:00 am Alice Heins

March 22

8:30 am Sara O'Quinn
 9:00am Bruce Greybill
 11:00 am Matthew Miller

March 29

10:00 am Chan Bryant and Susan Nave
 (Combined Worship Service)



Draw and Name and Pray for a Member of Your Church Family!

Last year, our Prayer Team began the **Prayer Bowl Project**. The goal is to have every member held in prayer by name during each Sunday service whether you are in the sanctuary or at home. A new set of names has been made for this year. If you'd like to participate, come by the church office and draw a name, or call Laura in the church office (919-776-2012) and ask her to draw a name for you. You do not need to know anything about the person or family you have drawn. God already knows their every need! Can you imagine how God might smile to hear every member of Saint Luke's family held up in prayer each Sunday? When you become a member of the Saint Luke family, you will never walk alone again!

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



March 15 Heath Hendrick

March 22 Jeff Hedrick

March 29 Mike Laudate (10:00 am)

Attendance Counter for 9:00 Worship



March 15 Christian Davenport

March 22 Jeff Hedrick

March 29 Ned Heins (10:00 am)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 11—March 18

Birthdays:

(3/11) Frances Brown
Peyton Parker
David Stout
Hannah Wilson

(3/12) Alexander Cox
Mary Ann Cox
Susan Hardy
Bert Jernigan
Raelyn Layne

(3/13) Dianne Stanley
Palmer Tatum

(3/15) Murphy Paderick
Cody Payne
CJ Perry
Julia Osborne

(3/16) Teresa Cowan
Patti Keith
Neal Kightlinger

(3/17) Greeleigh Beal

(3/18) Stephanie Foushee
Bob Sanford

Anniversaries

(3/11) Matthew & Chloe Miller

(3/16) Cliff & Mary Lynne Stephens



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

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|---|--------------------|
| Total Budget Needed Weekly | \$24,835.00 |
| Total Offering General Funds Received 3/8/26 | \$8,560.00 |
| Restricted Funds Received 3/8/26 | \$1,430.00 |

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 | * | | |
| Week 4 | *649 | *406 | * | | |
| Week 5 | *913 | 317 | | | |
| March Avg. | *665 | *374 | *308 | | |

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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*

*Saint Luke
United Methodist Church*

Prayer Requests

Received as of March 11, 2026

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker
Judy Baker
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

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
Brenda Hallman
Lura Hill
Margaret Hubbard
Rick Huneycutt
Jamie Hunt
Allene Jarvis
Beckisue Brown Joyner

Scott Keller
David Lane
Betty Lawrence
Joel Lawrence
Susan Lewis
Hannah Lindsey
Elliot Mann
Allyssa McNeal
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
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 . . .

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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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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Pat Angel
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