

# The + Acts

March 18, 2026

## Welcome, New Members!

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

We were delighted to receive two new members into the Saint Luke family on Sunday, March 15 during the 11:00 worship service. Please join us in welcoming **Rebecca Franzoia** and **JB Weeks** to Saint Luke!

Rebecca Franzoia and her husband, Gabriel, have two precious children, Benjamin, who is three years old, and a brand-new baby girl, Savannah Lynn, who was born in January. Rebecca has a Bachelor's degree from Christopher Newport University and a Master's from Liberty University. When she is not busy taking care of her little ones, she enjoys hiking, fishing, traveling, and knitting.

A warm welcome is also extended to JB Weeks. JB, who lives in Siler City, is retired from the US government and the US Air Force. He has a Bachelor's degree from NC Central University. He has three adult children and six grandchildren, whom he loves spending time

with. He also enjoys going to the beach, gardening, and hunting. He is involved in Community Bible Study in Asheboro, West Chatham Food Pantry, and is a volunteer with UNC Hospice.

We welcome both of these new members, and look forward to worshipping and serving God alongside them.



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

**Saint Luke UMC**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**March 18—March 25, 2026**

**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.

**Thursday, March 19**

- 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
- 5:30 pm Pickleball—Davenport CLC

**Friday, March 20**

- 7:00 pm Confirmation Lock In—Off Site and DCLC

**Sunday, March 22**

- 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 Catherine Wicker—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
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class—Parker Chapel (Room #234)

**Monday, March 23**

- 6:20 pm Scholarship Committee—Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Shepherding Committee—Room #227

**Tuesday, March 24**

- 5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
- 8:00 am District Committee on Ordained Ministry—Rooms #222/224, 227, 228, Library (until 5pm)
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Finance Committee—Room #222/224
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee—Room #227

**Wednesday, March 25**

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
- 8:00 am DCOM—Rooms #222/224, 227, 228, Library (until 5 pm)
- 9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
- 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 22, 2026*

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45



*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.

*The Joyful Sound of Baptism*

On Sunday, March 22, we will be blessed to witness the baptism of one of our little ones!

Catherine Alexander Wicker, daughter of Richard and Emily Wicker, will be baptized during the 11 o'clock worship service in the Sanctuary.

We hope you will plan to be here on this special day!



# The Pastors' Page

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3*

Someone recently told me, "God's ways are not our ways." Life's circumstances have recently felt like a rollercoaster. Oftentimes, I am unsure I can do everything in front of me. My confidence is often shaken, and I battle with feelings of being confused. Since I'm not superhuman, this has allowed my thoughts to run towards inadequacy, which immediately we naturally tend to try to cover up with pride: "But, I've done this," and "I've been good at that." I have found myself engulfed with this portion of Scripture: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

I have never really understood this portion of Scripture. I think to myself, doesn't Jesus want us to be happy? Joyful (*cue happy music*)? *Why do I feel like I've had this all wrong? Because I have. In this passage of Scripture, we might read it and think that the "poor in spirit" are actually people in poverty. But as I did some digging, I saw that "poor in spirit" means striving for righteousness and never getting there. A place of being spiritually bankrupt.*

As humans, we love to feel needed. We want to believe that we have something to offer this world and even the Kingdom of God, and the idea of poverty (in any form) isn't attractive. But you know what? The thing that I notice from our neighbors, especially those who I come in contact with in our schools and community, who actually live in poverty, is this...there are no judgments. No critical spirits. They think the best of everyone. And there is such a spirit of gratitude that cannot be faked.

Today, I'm seeing this connection once again in my own life. Spiritual poverty brings us to a place where God's character really shines. When we don't need a high-five from God, when we don't need to feel important, when we don't need to be heard, when we know we are seated at a table where we really don't belong...this is where God meets us in our poverty.

If Jesus opened His sermon with this, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," it is something for us to take careful consideration of. He will meet us in this unlikely place. Less of us, less of our ways, less of our thoughts, less of our opinions. It's in the moments that we feel all our efforts have been poured out and we question if we really have what it takes to pull off our to-do list, that we grasp the realization that life on earth requires many knee-prints.

Lately, I have found myself asking God to "fill me up." And I feel like He is saying, "Stop asking me to do that. You're not empty. Your well is deep." Maybe I am spending too much time asking God to fill me up, when what I really need to be asking Him is to make my well deeper. When what I really need to be doing is trusting myself to His riches in order to receive the kingdom of heaven. I don't cut it. I don't measure up. I don't have this thing figured out. I make mistakes. I fail each day. Spiritually bankrupt...it really is the richest place to be.

*Katherine*

RISE TO THE OCCASION  
FOR  
RISE AGAINST HUNGER

***Lenten Mission Project***



\$1 a day  
for  
40 days

Church-wide

Goal:  
\$4,500

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

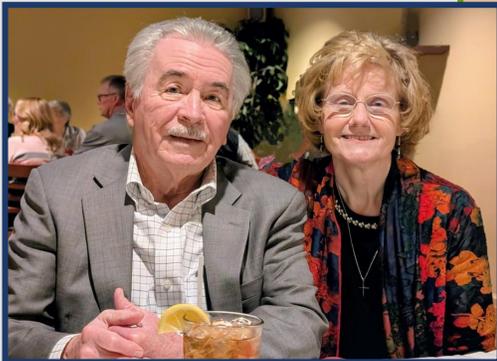
**When you are ready to turn in your donation**, you may place it in the offering plate in the plastic bag provided, or return it to the church office. **If you would like your donation to appear on your 2026 Giving Statement, please be sure to write your name on a piece of paper and place it in the 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.





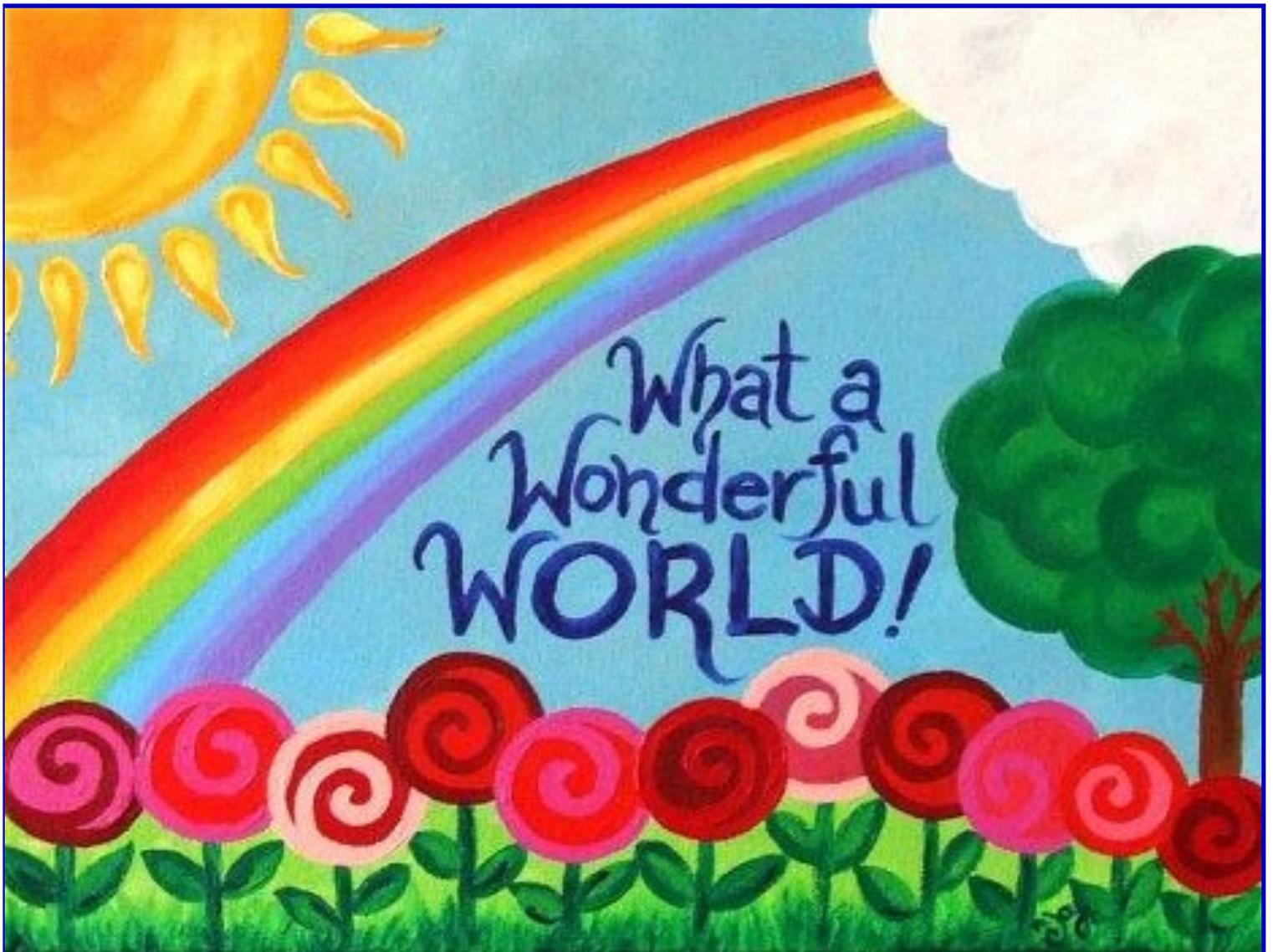
# Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch

Our Singles 50+ group met on Sunday, March 15. We had a great time together! Anyone who is over 50 and single is welcome to join us for a Dutch treat lunch and warm fellowship. Beginning next month, we will meet at 12:30 pm instead of 12:15.



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





Save the Dates!!

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



Thank You

Thank you Saint Luke family for all my prayers, cards, food and flowers during my recent knee surgery. I am recuperating well and will soon be back to normal. I love our Saint Luke Family!

MaryJo Parks

SAINT LUKE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebrate  
**EASTER**

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

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



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



**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!



## "PINTS WITH THE PASTOR"

Pints with the Pastor met on Monday, March 16. Utilizing Romans 12:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-31, the group discussed how good of a job that they were doing in putting their gifts and talents to use to the glory of God. Several of the participants commented afterwards that this particular gathering provided everyone with some serious things to prayerfully consider.

# 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!





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

Saint Luke UMC is once again offering community worship services and a light lunch on Wednesdays from 12 noon—1:00 pm during Lent. Guest preachers from local churches offer a meditation, followed by a lunch fellowship. Please join us to worship and share a meal together! Donations for lunch will be accepted.

Preachers for the noon Lenten Worship and Lunch Fellowship include:

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

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

### Lenten Lunch Week Four - A Great Meal, an Inspiring Message, and More Warm Fellowship!

This week, we had about 70 people in attendance. Dr. Beatrice Smith from Restored, Healed, and Delivered Ministries (who is also our afternoon receptionist at Saint Luke) shared a wonderful message. The soup and sandwich lunch was delicious, as always, and this week's dessert table was filled



with pies of all types. Many thanks to all who came! Join us next week as Rev. Rick Martindale shares a message with us.

# Beloved

## Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 25

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Tickets: \$25

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



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

Scan QR Code for tickets



[Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon](#)

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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

### Ladies!

Save the Date:

Saturday,

April 25, 2026

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

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

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

Table Reservations are now available for our

## *Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon*

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Saint Luke UMC (Sanford, NC)

Tickets: \$25  
per person

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

**Reserve your table of six friends NOW!**

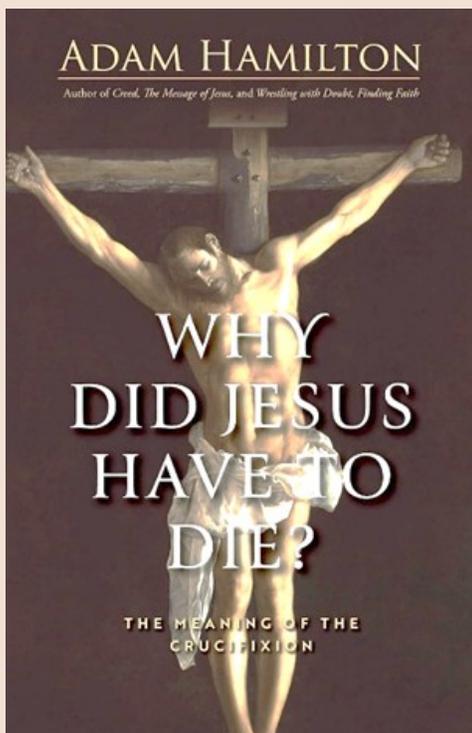
Several women have asked about reserving a full table at our "*Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon*" on Saturday, April 25. They really enjoy sitting with their friends, which is what we offer for our December Christmas Extravaganza events. We have heard your request! We are thrilled to let you know that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

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

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

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

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



## 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

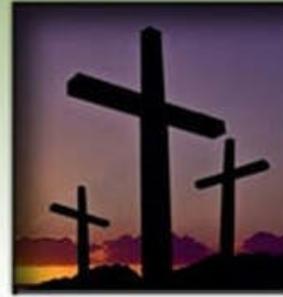
Classes participating: Biddle, Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones, Seekers, Asbury,  
Something More, Genesis, and Wesley/Parker/Hunter

*March 22 Session 5: What Wondrous Love Is This*

*March 29 Session 6: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Two Sundays are left in this thought-provoking and inspiring series. If you aren't already part of an adult Sunday School class, this is a great opportunity to try one. All are welcome!

# Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday, April 2—Lenten Mission Project

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

5:30—7:30 pm in the Davenport CLC

Friday, April 3—Good Friday Service

Reflections of the Cross

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

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

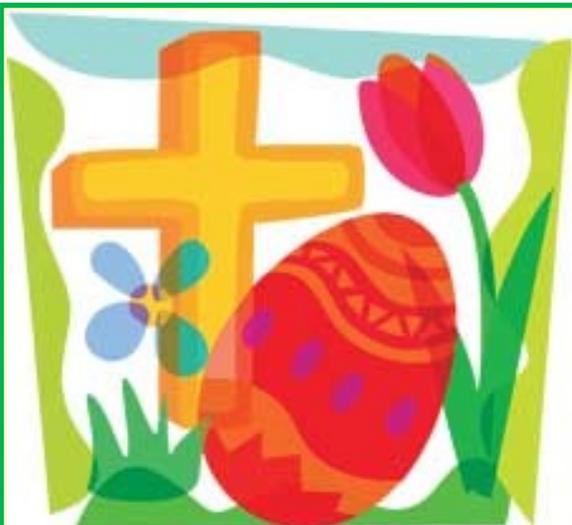
8:30 am—Worship Service in Casey Chapel

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

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

11:00 am—Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Join us as we worship our Risen Savior!



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.





# Ladies Lunch & Learn

Next Gathering:  
April 15

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

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



Our next Ladies Lunch & Learn is Wednesday, April 15 at 11:30 am at Davison's Restaurant. We continue our 2025-2026 theme of "Can I Get A Witness?" We are learning how God uses women to witness God's love to others, and how God works in the lives of various women. April's witness is Tabitha (also known as Dorcas), a disciple known for her good works and acts of love for the poor. She was a charitable person who made things, especially clothing, for the needy in Joppa. Her story is found in Acts 9.

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

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

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

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

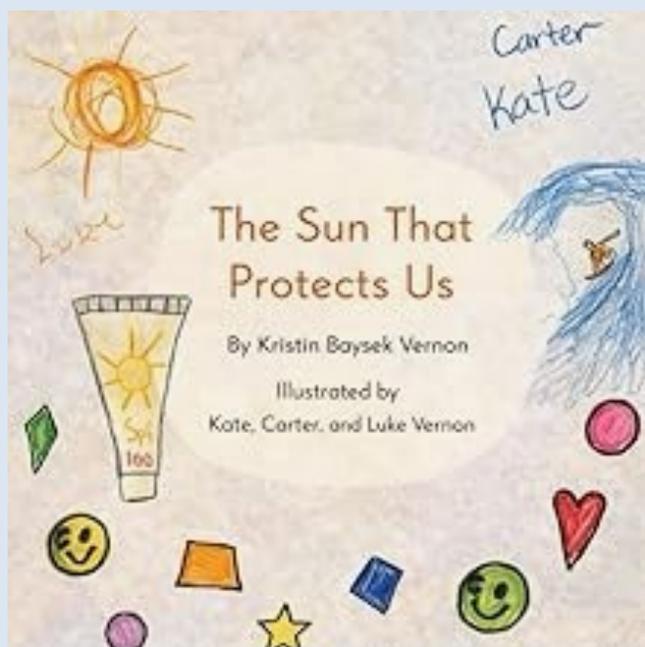


**Spring for the Promise**  
Food Tasting and Fundraising Event  
[www.familypromiseofleecounty.org](http://www.familypromiseofleecounty.org)

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







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!



### 3 More 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. We've received several donations, but still need three more spiral-sliced hams. Will you donate one? If so, please call or text Pat Greybill at 919-999-

### 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!

WINDSTREAM  
DAILY  
9-11 AM

# 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 4:30 pm!

Kingdom Kids - Room #114

JAM - Room #116/118 and DCLC

Come join us!!

## GRIEF COUNSELING AVAILABLE



Jackie Petty, MA, LCMHC is  
a Licensed Clinical Mental  
Health Counselor who can

provide individual or family counseling for persons experiencing a time of grief and loss. With a Master's degree in Community Counseling, Jackie has been in private practice for 15 years and has over 25 years of experience in offering Trauma-Focused therapy to adults and children, as well as clients with anxiety and depression. The grief journey can be a complex time of confusion and sadness with feelings of uncertainty and deep pain. It can be difficult to sort through these feelings alone. Jackie would like to offer free counseling to anyone who believes it could be beneficial for them. These sessions are confidential and discreet and can be offered at the church or in your home. For more information, please contact Jackie Petty at 919-770-4588 or by email at [jackiepetty@windstream.net](mailto:jackiepetty@windstream.net).

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Susan Hardy leads the Caregivers Support Group in one room and the care recipients participate in another room with planned activities led by experienced volunteers. **Please call the church office at 919-776-2012 if you and your loved one plan to attend. We need a head-count so that we may plan accordingly.**



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

**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER

If you plan to participate in the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on **Maundy Thursday,**



**April 2 from 5:30—7:30 pm in the Davenport Christian Life Center,** there is a waiver that you need to fill out ahead of time. Please use this QR code to register for the event and complete the waiver form.

**Hymn Sing**

A graphic of a musical staff with colorful notes in blue, orange, and yellow.

**Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion**  
Thursday, April 2 at 1:30 pm

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

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



## 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](http://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!



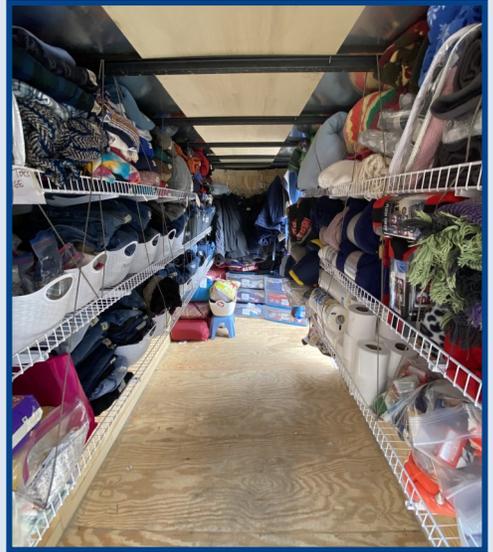
## See It?? Say It!!

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](mailto:charlottebrendel@yahoo.com). We need your help to “see” things in the building that need attention—and then to “say” what you have seen so that we can fix it!



# The ARK Ministry

There are many ways you can help with this ministry which provides direct aid to some of our neighbors most in need. Volunteers are always welcome! To volunteer, please reach out to the lead cook for the week you'd like to serve. If that week's jobs are filled, you will be added to the list for another week.



## CURRENT NEEDS: NEW OR GENTLY USED BATH TOWELS

### Ways you can help:

- ♥ Help deliver meals
- ♥ Pull the ARK with your truck on Sundays
- ♥ Bake a dessert to go with the meal

Contact Lisa Harrington (919-770-2595) or Kim Osborne (919-545-4838) if you have questions or to volunteer. Text messages preferred.



### Upcoming Lead Cooks

- 3/22 Gus Gomez
- 3/29 Jan Hayes
- 4/5 Gus Gomez

### Upcoming Packing Teams

- 3/22 Peele / Osborne
- 3/29 Heins / Bryant and Something More
- 4/5 No Trailers

*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!**

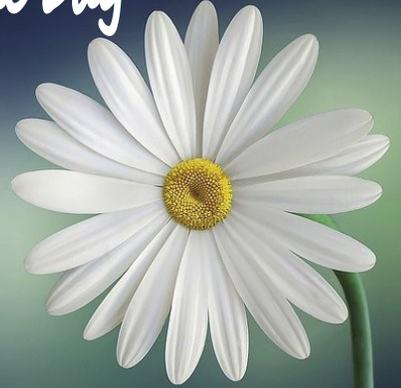
Please save your pop tops from aluminum cans and bring them to the marked bin in the collection closet in the Williams Lobby. They will be donated to the

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**

"Faith doesn't always mean that God changes your situation. Sometimes it means that He changes you."



Steven Furtick

**439** people have downloaded the Saint Luke App!

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

DOWNLOAD THE APP



**You'll have the church calendar, website, social media, the Bible, giving, and sermons at your fingertips!**



**Professional Counseling Services Available**

Rev. Marti Hatch, MDiv, MA, LCMHC, NCC, is now available to schedule counseling appointments with clients. This is available to members of Saint

Luke UMC and the broader Sanford community. Clients will meet with Rev. Hatch in the Church Parlor/Prayer Room. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, please contact Rev. Hatch at [hatch.marti@gmail.com](mailto:hatch.marti@gmail.com) or call 919-750-7949. All appointments and financial arrangements will be made through Rev. Hatch.

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

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

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

**April 5** (9:00) Mike & Susan Laudate and Philip & Shanna Kelly  
 (11:00) Susan Nave

## Altar Guild

**DCLC (9:00 worship)**  
**March:** Helen Yarborough and Dawn Shepard  
**April:** Hope Frye and Blake Post

**Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)**  
**March:** Betsy Lucas (Chair), Nancy Cameron, and Nancy Thomas  
**April:** Mary Jo Parks, Alice Heins, and Mary Stewart Shaffer



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

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

# Scripture Readers Schedule



**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)

**April 5**  
 8:30 am Gregg Miller  
 9:00 am Katie Harris  
 11:00 am Robin Jones

## Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



**March 22** Jeff Hedrick  
**March 29** Mike Laudate (10:00 am)  
**April 5** Neal Kightlinger

## Attendance Counter for 9:00 Worship



**March 22** Jeff Hedrick  
**March 29** Ned Heins (10:00 am)  
**April 5** Bruce Greybill

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

**March 18—March 25**

## Birthdays:

**(3/18)** Stephanie Foushee  
Bob Sanford

**(3/19)** Tom Hincks  
Vivienne Wright

**(3/20)** Angie Alfonso  
Sarah Buchanan  
Patrick Touchard

**(3/21)** Kinsey Hyde  
JoAnn Kirkman  
Cinderella Lyon

**(3/22)** Ed Stanton

**(3/23)** Blakely Carter

**(3/24)** Holly Mohan

**(3/25)** Jean Davenport  
Bryson Hill  
Zane Hill  
Pat Sindelir

## Anniversaries

**(3/18)** Ben & Caroline Maness

**(3/24)** Leonard & Charlotte Brendel



# membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

## FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Total Budget Needed Weekly</b>                    | <b>\$24,835.00</b> |
| <b>Total Offering General Funds Received 3/15/26</b> | <b>\$19,615.00</b> |
| <b>Restricted Funds Received 3/15/26</b>             | <b>\$535.00</b>    |

## March Attendance

|            | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2026 In Person<br>8:30/9:00/11:00 | 2026 Virtual<br>YouTube |
|------------|------|------|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Week 1     | *626 | *352 | *331 | 36/165/76                         | 31/23                   |
| Week 2     | *608 | *275 | *285 | 35/94/99                          | 23/34                   |
| Week 3     | *531 | *522 | *305 | 43/144/73                         | 20/25                   |
| Week 4     | *649 | *406 | *    |                                   |                         |
| Week 5     | *913 | 317  |      |                                   |                         |
| March Avg. | *665 | *374 | *307 |                                   |                         |

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

## Did You Know That ...

... you can read the Bible using the new Saint Luke app?

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

... you can watch our worship services live or later on the website (or app)?

... you can register for special events using the app?

... you can conveniently tithe directly from your phone or computer (app, text, or website)?

Everything Saint Luke is available for you with just a click of a button:

**DOWNLOAD THE APP | VISIT THE WEBSITE | CONVENIENTLY GIVE**

DOWNLOAD THE APP



VISIT THE WEBSITE



GIVE CONVENIENTLY





*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 18, 2026*

### *Our Known Prayer Needs*

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

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

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 . . .*

Layne and Ron Noles and family in the loss of Layne's father, Lowell Rickard.

2916 Wicker Street  
Sanford, NC 27330



## 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  
Pat Angel  
Rebecca Little  
Beatrice Smith  
Mark Kiser  
Danielle Baur  
Carolyn Lee  
James Dixon Kimball

eddie.hill3184@gmail.com  
charlottebrendel@yahoo.com  
judydrye@nccumc.org  
katherine@saintlukeumc.org  
art69@duke.edu  
curtis.h.moore@gmail.com  
reoldham65@gmail.com  
laura@saintlukeumc.org  
pat@saintlukeumc.org  
rebecca@saintlukeumc.org  
Beatrice@saintlukeumc.org  
mkiser@saintlukeumc.org  
preschool@saintlukeumc.org  
afterschool@saintlukeumc.org

**SAINT LUKE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Loving God. Loving Others.*

SANFORD, NC



2916 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330—Phone: 919-776-2012

Visit our website: [www.saintlukeumc.org](http://www.saintlukeumc.org)

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday; Closed Friday