

The Acts

March 25, 2026

The Joyful Sound of Baptism

It is always a joy to witness the baptism of our little ones! On Sunday, March 22, **Catherine Alexander Wicker** was baptized during the 11 o'clock service. Catherine was born July 1, 2025 and is the daughter of Richard and Emily Wicker. Her grandparents are Richard and Lygia Wicker and Kevin and Julie Stanley. Her great-grandparents are Ronnie and Lola Stanley, Rebecca Yarborough, and Carol Cooke.

Richard and Emily joined Saint Luke on February 8, 2026. During their high school years they participated in UMYF at Saint Luke. We are delighted that now, as adults, they have made Saint Luke their church home and are raising their daughter here.

We rejoice with this sweet family on this happy occasion and pray that God will bless them as they raise Catherine to know and love Him.

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



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Loving God. Loving Others.
SANFORD, NC

Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events
March 25—April 1, 2026

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

- 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
- 1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #228
- 5:30 pm Pickleball—Davenport CLC
- 6:00 pm Jesus with a Twist—Vinous Wine Bar
(112 S. Steele Street)

Sunday, March 29

- 10:00 am Combined Worship Service —Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Covered Dish Lunch—Davenport CLC
- 2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
- 4:00 pm Children's Easter Egg Hunt—DCLC
and Outside
- 4:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, March 30

- 8:00 am Confirmation Field Trip—Off Site

Tuesday, March 31

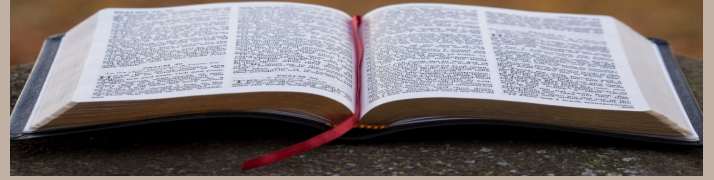
- 5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Saint Luke Foundation Board Meeting—
Conference Room

Wednesday, April 1

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

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

Preparing for Worship ...



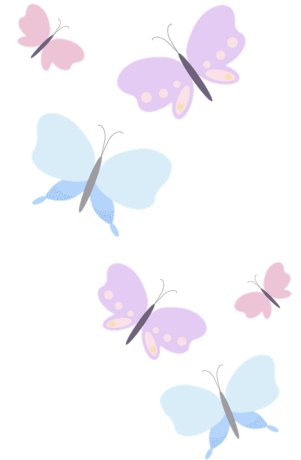
Scriptures for March 29, 2026

Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21:1-11



*Flower
 Donations*

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



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

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

The Pastors' Page

“During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.” - Exodus 12:31-32

The story of the Exodus comes from the book of Exodus, chapters one through fifteen. The story continues where Genesis left off: the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are living in the land of Egypt. However, while Joseph and his memory used to protect the Israelites, the new king did not know Joseph and therefore started to oppress the Israelite people (Exodus 1:8-10). The Hebrews were greatly oppressed, enslaved, and killed by the Egyptian government, and cried out to God to deliver them (Exodus 1). In response, God raised up Moses and Aaron to speak to Pharaoh and lead the people out of Egypt (Exodus 2-4). However, Pharaoh does not easily relent and instead further oppresses the Israelite people, leading to God performing signs, wonders, and plagues through Moses (Exodus 5-11). After the final plague of the firstborn and the celebration of Passover, Pharaoh lets the people go, and they flee Egypt together under Moses' leadership and God's guidance (Exodus 12-13). In the final scene, Pharaoh changes his mind and sends his army to recapture the Hebrews; however, God parts the Red Sea so that the Hebrews can escape and kills the Egyptian army behind them (Exodus 14-15). While I grew up learning about the Exodus, it never defined who I thought God was. However, a prominent interpretation from Latin American scholars is that the Exodus is an event that focuses on liberation and defines God as the God who frees the enslaved.

This interpretation of Exodus argues that the God of the Bible is defined as the one “who led Israel out of Egypt and who raised Jesus Christ from the dead.” Therefore, the Exodus is not simply a historical event, but a theological narrative that defines God. Further, within this event, God shows God's preferential option for the poor by favouring the slaves in Egypt. After the Exodus event, when Moses received the law at Mt. Sinai, God began the laws and regulations for the people with a reminder of their liberation from slavery (Exod 20:2-3). By framing the ten commandments within the Exodus event, God is declaring that “any god who has not brought you out of the house of slavery cannot be your God.” Put another way, the true God of Israel is a God of liberation who chooses the poor and marginalized, and this is a truth for the historical Israelites and for modern followers of God. Within the modern context, the Exodus shows that for followers of God, justice means taking sides with the oppressed, not just in thought but in action.

I have really enjoyed learning about this new perspective on the Exodus, and it has challenged me to think about what parts of the Bible I think about most often when I think of who our God is. Normally, I think about Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection. But after learning about this interpretation of Exodus, I want to incorporate the Exodus and what God did for the Israelites into my faith more. Especially when it comes to thinking about my fellow humans, the poor and the marginalized that God chose in Ancient times, and who God calls us to choose today by serving and loving them.

Abigail



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!



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.



Lenten Lunch Week Five - Another Great Meal, Another Inspiring Message, and More Warm Fellowship!

On the final week of our Lenten Luncheon series, we had about 70 people in attendance. Rev. Rick Martindale, from First Presbyterian Church shared a wonderful message with the group. The soup and sandwich lunch was delicious, as always, and this week's dessert was a delicious banana pudding, provided by First Presbyterian Church. Many thanks to all who came! We pray that your hearts were touched and that these gatherings helped prepare your hearts for Easter.

A special thank you to our Hospitality Committee for providing the soup and sandwich lunch each week. We appreciate each one of you for your faithful service to God, to your church, and to your community. Thank you!!



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!

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 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.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



United Methodist Men Outing to UNC/Pittsburgh Baseball Game

Friday, May 8, 2026 at 6 pm

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

Ticket Price: \$25.00 per person.

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

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

Rise[®]
AGAINST HUNGER

Maundy Thursday

Lenten Mission Project

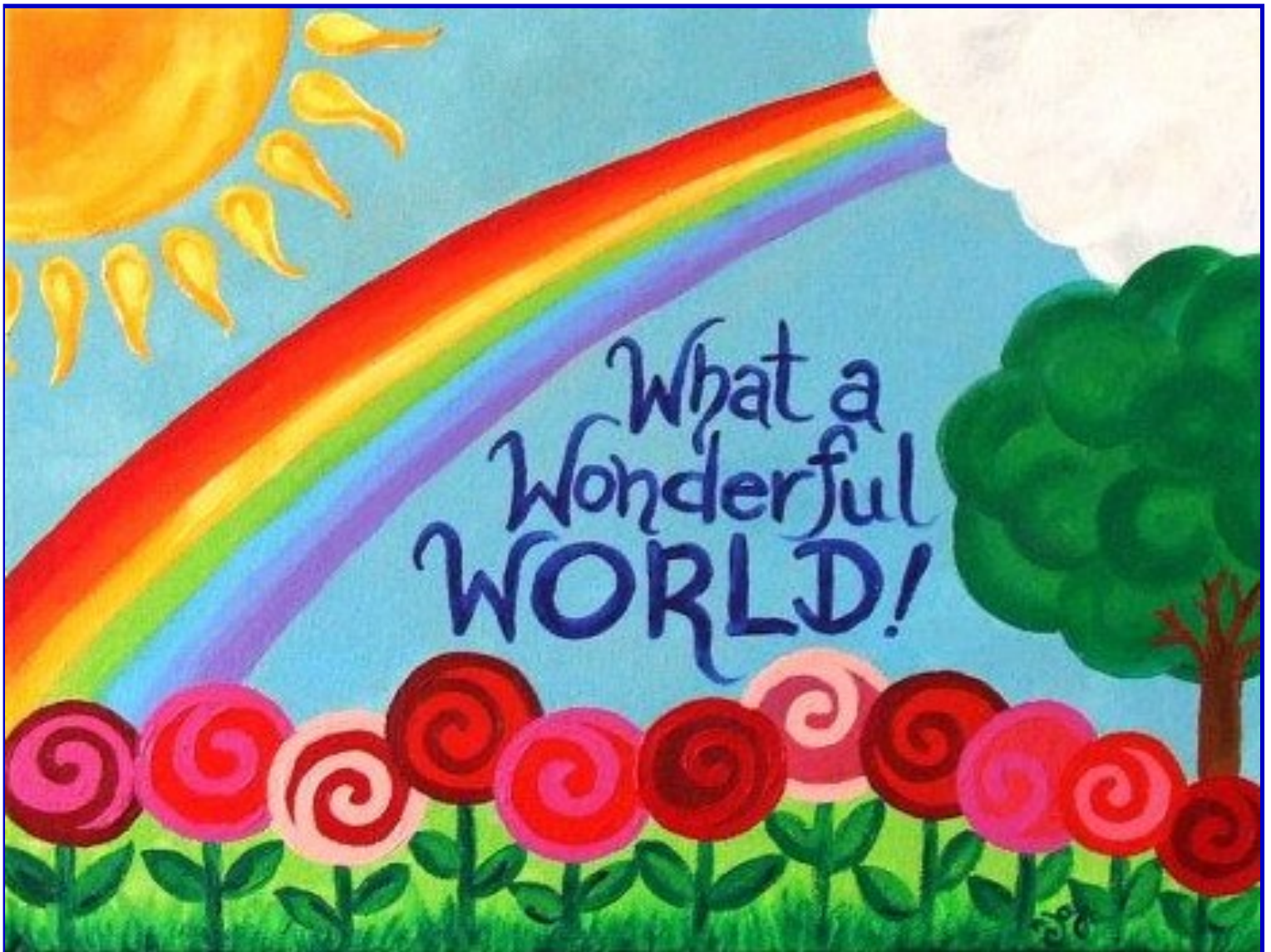
April 2, 2026

5:30—7:30 pm

Davenport Christian Life Center



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



Save the Dates!!

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

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



SAINT LUKE
UNITED METHUEN CHURCH
Celebrate
EASTER

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

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



SCAN ME

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

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!



Pick up your favorite take-out meal
and bring it with you.
We will eat and fellowship before
the devotional.



Good Friday Service
Reflections of the Cross



April 3, 2026

7:00 pm

in the sanctuary

Easter Sunrise Service



6:30 am - Lawrence Outdoor Chapel

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!

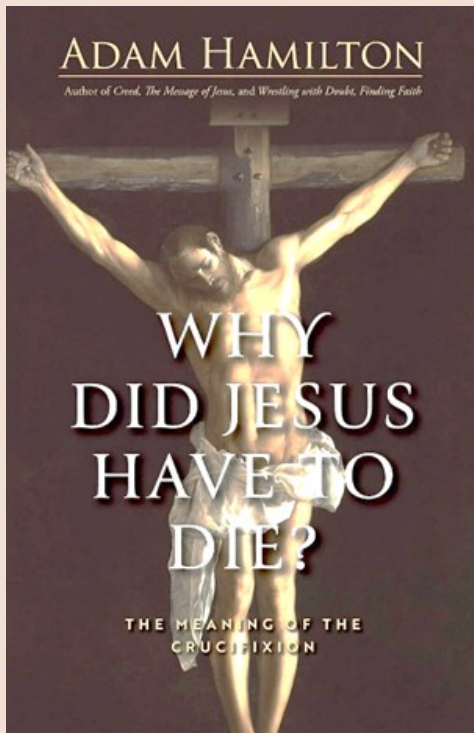
Several women have asked about reserving a full table at our *"Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon"* on Saturday, April 25. They really enjoy sitting with their friends, which is what we offer for our December Christmas Extravaganza events. We have heard your request! We are thrilled to let you know that 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) 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!



Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch



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



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

Preschool Sunday

is April 12 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

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





Ladies Lunch & Learn

Next Gathering:
April 15

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



Spring for the Promise
Food Tasting and Fundraising Event
www.familypromiseofleecounty.org

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





WINDSTREAM

BREAKFAST



All men are welcome!

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

Upcoming dates are 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.

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.**



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



COFFEE HOUR The Emmaus Community is hosting a Coffee Hour in the Williams Lobby prior to the 9:00 worship service on the **4th Sunday of each month**. Join us on Sunday, April 26 for fellowship and coffee!



Hymn Sing
 Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion
 Thursday, April 2 at 1:30 pm
 All are welcome to come sing and fellowship with our friends at Parkview!
 (1801 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC 27330)
 Come and make a joyful noise and spread some Sonshine!

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!

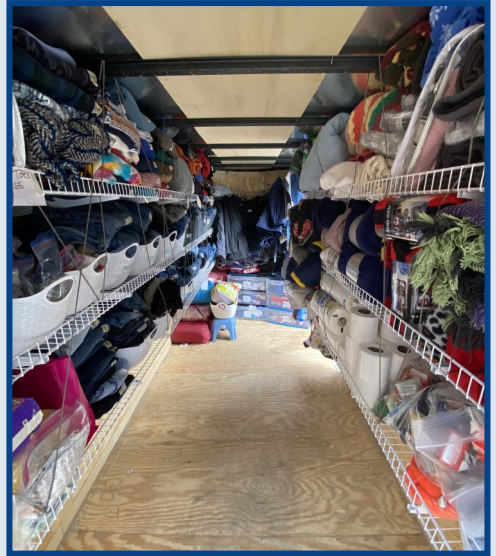
See It?? Say It!!

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.



3/29

4/5

4/12

Upcoming Lead Cooks

3/29 Jan Hayes

4/5 Gus Gomez

4/12 Pat Greybill

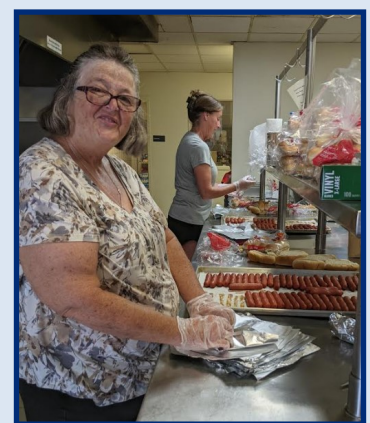
Upcoming Packing Teams

Heins / Bryant and Something More

No Trailers

Peele / Osborne

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
is having the
courage
to let God
have control."



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454 people have downloaded
the Saint Luke App!

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

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



**Professional Counseling
Services Available**

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

Luke UMC and the broader Sanford community. Clients will meet with Rev. Hatch in the Church Parlor/Prayer Room. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, please contact Rev. Hatch at hatch.marti@gmail.com 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 29 (10:00) Buck & Katie Harris and Faye White

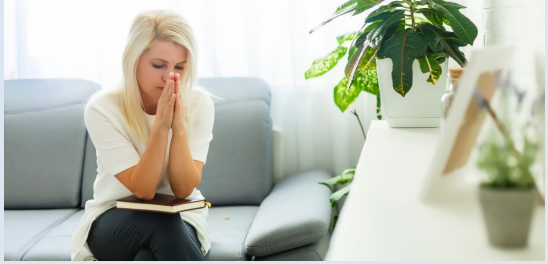
April 5 (9:00) Mike & Susan Laudate and Philip & Shanna Kelly
 (11:00) Susan Nave

April 12 9:00) Tripp & Mallory Paderick
 (11:00) Beverly O'Donnell

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 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

April 12
 8:30 am Tami DiPiero
 9:00am TBD
 11:00 am Liz McGrath

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship




March 29 Mike Laudate (10:00 am)

April 5 Sostenes Alfonso

April 12 Tripp Paderick

Attendance Counter for 9:00 Worship



March 29 Ned Heins (10:00 am)

April 5 Bruce Greybill

April 12 Jimmy Keen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 25—April 1

Birthdays:

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

(3/26) George Cotterell
Matthew Garner
Henry Liggett

(3/27) Cooper Brown

(3/28) Shanna Kelly
Bobby Powell
Phil Yarborough

(3/30) Susan Nave
Bill Towson

(3/31) Paul Hood
Layne Noles
Elizabeth Setzer

(4/1) Susan Hincks
Benjamin Shover
Bailey Spivey

Anniversaries

(3/26) Sherrill & Jennifer Normann

(3/29) Terri & Gary Johnson
Holden & Sarah Keen
Dawn & Mike Shepard

(3/30) Ken & Erin Britton

(3/31) Nick & Rachel Sullivan



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 3/22/26	\$17,115.00
Restricted Funds Received 3/22/26	\$405.00

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	*305	43/144/73	20/25
Week 4	*649	*406	*326	31/126/108	34/27
Week 5	*913	317			
March Avg.	*665	*374	*312		

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

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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

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Prayer Requests

Received as of March 25, 2026

Our Known Prayer Needs

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

Other Known Prayer Requests

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

Sympathy to . . .

Patti and Stephen Cox and family in the loss of Patti's mother, JoAnn Curlee;

Robin and Jay Childress and family in the loss of Robin's mother, Helen Ogburn.

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
Rodney Oldham
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