

Saint Luke UMC

The + Acts

March 4, 2026



\$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.



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



**Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events
March 4—March 11, 2026**

Wednesday, March 4

- 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 5

- 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
- 1:30 pm Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion—
Parkview (1801 Wicker Street)
- 5:30 pm Pickleball—Davenport CLC

Sunday, March 8

- 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 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
Caroline Tatum—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 9

- 10:30 am Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group—
Rooms #231 and #232
- 12:00 pm UWIF Circle #2—Elizabeth's Pizza
- 12:00 pm UWIF Circle #8—Room #222/224
- 5:30 pm After School Care Board Meeting—
Room #116/118
- 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting—Conference Room

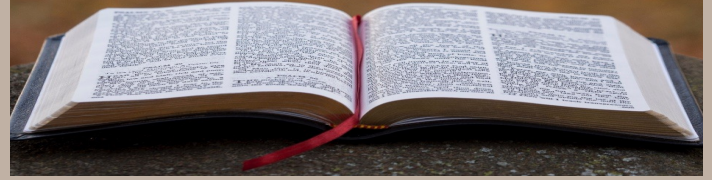
Tuesday, March 10

- 5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Committee—Room #227

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.

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for March 8, 2026

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42



*Flower
Donations*

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 8 will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Steve Suitt by his loving wife, Beverly.

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.



Thank you to the Genesis Class for bringing cases of water in to the church ARK pantry. Recovery Logistics has graciously agreed to partner with Saint Luke in providing water for our Sunday meals as they are able. We look forward to working with them.

The ARK Committee

Don't be late to church!!

Spring Forward

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME STARTS**

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Pastors' Page

"I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil."

- Ecclesiastes 3:12-13



I recently had the pleasure of sharing chapel time with the Saint Luke Preschool children during Dr. Seuss week. In my message that morning, I reminded the children and staff that God wanted us to experience joy. We discussed how we go to our regular doctors when we are sick so they can help us feel better. We also talked about how although Dr. Seuss—Theodor Seuss Geisel—was not a real doctor, his playful words and colorful artwork served to help children, young and old, feel better.

That Monday morning, as we laughed and sang a happy song together, there were bombs falling from the air and missiles being fired from various sites throughout the Middle East. As our local children gleefully sang along with me "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart," I knew that in other corners of the world, children were hiding in fear of that which was taking place all around them.

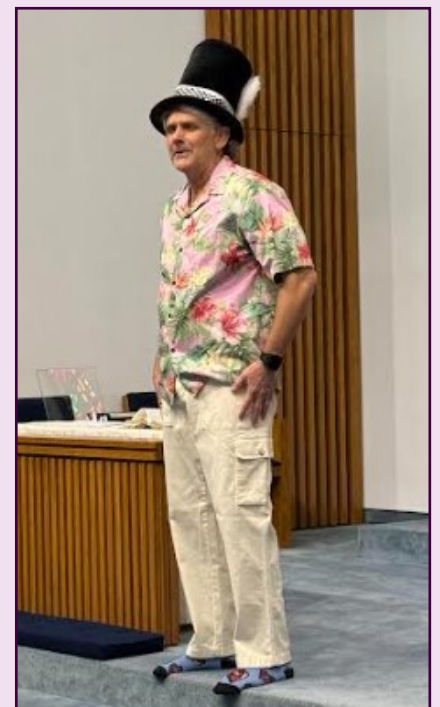
In Psalm 137, the exiled Jewish people asked, "How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" This was a chapter in Israel's history when God's people were defeated and demoralized, with their lives completely disrupted. They had been hauled off into exile in Babylon, and their world had been turned upside down.

My friends, there is much in this world that I do not understand. There are decisions being made on behalf of our country that do not readily seem beneficial to the majority of our people. It appears that we have been placed on a path of violence without any clear and definitive explanations or reasons for it. It just does not make sense.

But yet, even in the midst of all of the uncertainty and confusion, we have available to us the source of true peace. John 14 gives us a text often used during services of death and resurrection: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." Jesus, the Prince of Peace, offers to all the understanding that even in dire and difficult times, we can have a peace that passes all understanding. Even when nothing seems to make sense in the world around us, we can still have joy down in our hearts.

Our Heavenly Father wants only the best for all his children. Our God wants us to know joy. Let us pray diligently and fervently for peace. Let us pray that those who lead this wonderful nation would do so by truly following God's lead, with our country's best interest at heart and according to time-honored and established systems. And may we know, that even when we find ourselves spiritually sitting by the rivers of Babylon, that God is still with us.

Preacherman



Friday Friends Team

Helping the church with
whatever needs fixin'

- Replacing light bulbs
- Repairing broken items
- Building shelves
- Organizing closet space
- Deep cleaning areas
- Other stuff as needed



Friday Friends ... On Sunday!

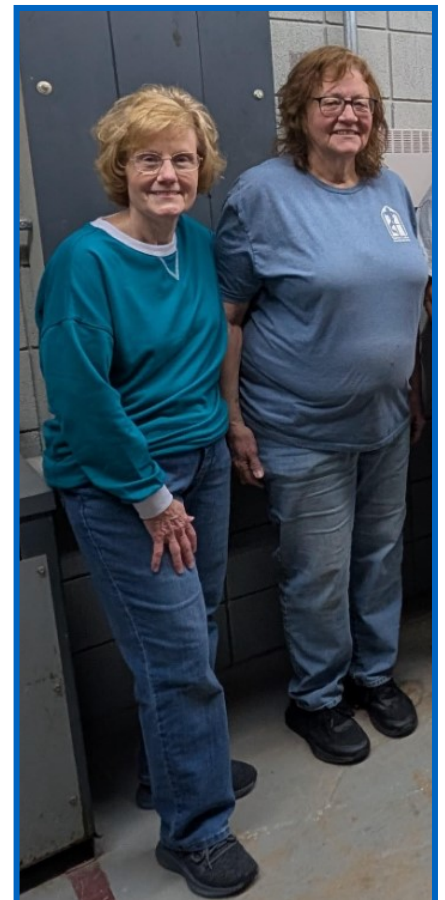
Our Friday Friends Team met on Sunday afternoon (a new day for this team) for their latest project. For nearly two hours, the team cleaned, organized, and removed old, broken or obsolete items from the main mechanical/maintenance room in the lower level, and two janitorial supply closets. Team members for this project were **Bill and Janie Murphy, Gordon and Margie Washburn, Bill and Theresa Knott, Chuck Heiser, Mary Ann Miller, John Mangum, and Pastor Charlotte Brendel.**

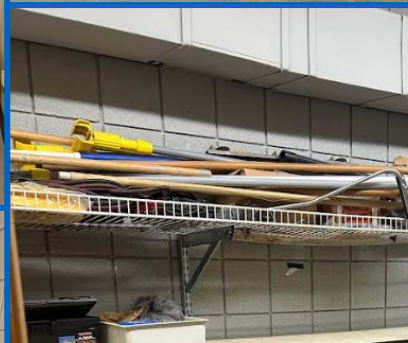
Bill and Theresa Knott, Chuck Heiser, Mary Ann Miller, John Mangum, and Pastor Charlotte Brendel.

Bill and Theresa Knott tackled the two janitorial supply closets. They scrubbed sinks, cleaned floors, removed obsolete items, organized shelves, and created a very nice working space for our janitorial service. These two closets look fantastic! Thank you, Bill and Theresa!

Bill and Janie Murphy, Gordon and Margie Washburn, Chuck Heiser, Mary Ann Miller, and John Mangum spent time tackling the mechanical/maintenance room where the bulk of the janitorial and maintenance supplies are stored. They removed items no longer needed, swept, and organized filters, light bulbs, and various miscellaneous supplies. What a big difference in this space! Thank you, Team members!

Our Friday Friends are hard workers, and seem to find ways to smile, enjoy the fellowship, and have fun, too. What a blessing they are to Saint Luke!





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.

Join us for
Keenagers



Thursday, March 19
12:00 pm in Room #222/224

All Keenagers (men and women age 65 and up) are invited to attend! Come and share a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and a fun program with your Saint Luke friends! Cost for lunch is \$6. Please remember to sign up in Sunday School, or



on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Monday, March 16th if you plan to attend. Don't miss it!!



United Women In Faith
Circle News

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

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

Circle #8 will meet at 12:00 pm at the church in Room #222/224. Our hostesses this month are Ellen Mangum (919-498-4607) and Linda Foushee (919-770-7070). Please let Ellen or Linda know by Friday, March 6 if you plan to attend. Our program will be presented by Jim and Jackie Green of Priority Farm, a faith based farm with a wonderful mission. Our devotion will be given by Brenda Arey. Cost for lunch is \$8.

All women are welcome! Please join us!



Maeve Josephine
Keech Andreoli

Born December 27, 2025

6 pounds, 6.5 ounces

19 1/2 inches long

Daughter of:

David & Parker Andreoli,
of Spartanburg, SC

Proud Big Sister and Brother:

Ella and Nash Andreoli

Proud Grandparents:

David & Toni Morse

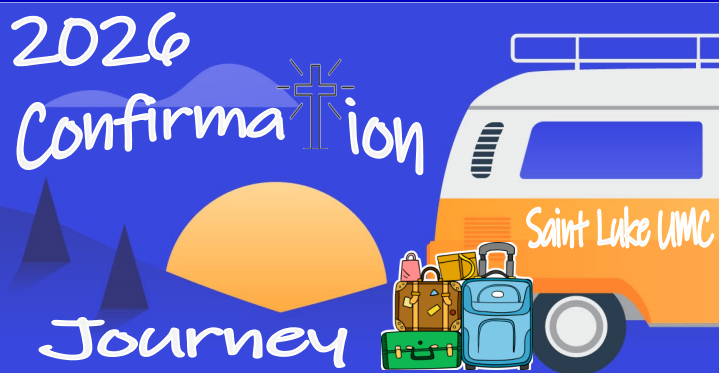
*"Children are a heritage from the LORD,
offspring a reward from him."*

Psalms 127:3



Welcome to
the World!!





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

The Joyful Sound of Baptism

On Sunday, March 8, we will be blessed to witness the baptism of one of our little ones!

Caroline Francis Tatum, daughter of Russell and Davis Tatum, will be baptized during the 11 o'clock worship service in the Sanctuary. We will also welcome her mom, Davis, into our membership that day.

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



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

In Sunday's sermon, 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.

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!



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 Service and Lunch - Week 2



Week Two - Another Great Meal and More Great Fellowship!

This week, we had about 60 people in attendance. Rev. Brian Charland from Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church shared the message. The soup and sandwich lunch was delicious. Many thanks to all who came! See you next week!

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

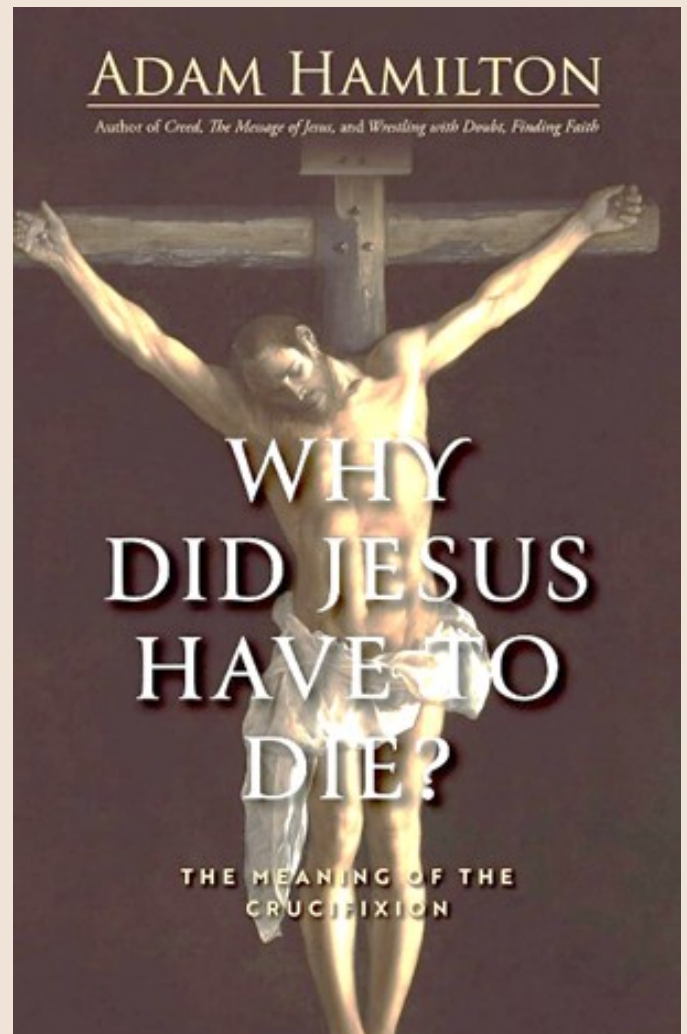
Christus Victor Theory of Atonement

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).

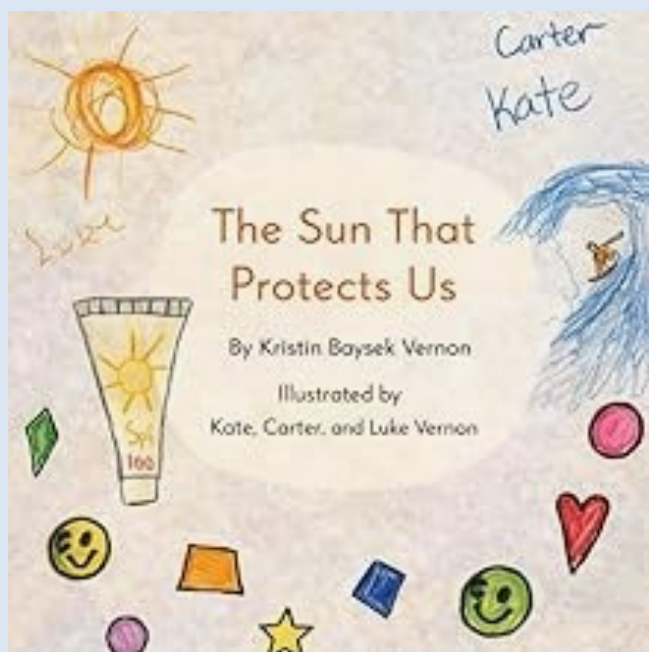
All are invited to join one of these Sunday School classes during Lent as we dig deeper into the meaning of the cross.





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!



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.



Blood Drive Thank You!

Many thanks to our Saint Luke "Dream Team" for organizing and carrying out another successful and life-saving blood drive on Tuesday, March 3! Saint Luke volunteers this month were **Leslie Cox, Tom Coggin, Rex Scott, and Jamie Hockaday**. We are also grateful to the **31 donors** who came to give the gift of life. A total of 27 units of life-saving blood were collected.

Plans are already being made for hosting blood drives in 2027 on the first Tuesday of the month from January through November. Rex Scott and Jamie Hockaday have agreed to co-chair the team next year. If you'd like to join the "Dream Team," contact one of them or the church office to volunteer.



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!



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.

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.



Dear Saint Luke Youth,
Thank you for coming and working with the ARK members on Sunday, February 22 and starting to take some of the craziness out of the mission room. I truly feel so fortunate and grateful that there are many hands that can take a 6-8 hour job and have it completed in less than an hour. Thank you all again for serving with our ARK mission team members!

Kim Osborne



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







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

Parkview Hymn Sing and Devotion

Thursday, March 5 at 1:30 pm

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



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

Easter Egg Hunt

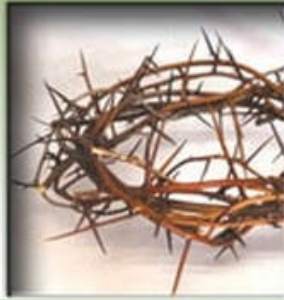
We will have hunts for babies, toddlers, preschoolers,
and school age children through 5th grade.

Bring your Easter basket and meet in the Davenport CLC.

A snack will be provided.



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!

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 4:00 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

- 3/8 Gus Gomez
- 3/15 Kim Hales
- 3/22 Gus Gomez

Upcoming Packing Teams

- 3/8 Beal / Young
- 3/15 Stewart / Coggins
- 3/22 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

"When we work,
we work.
When we pray,
God works."



James Hudson Taylor

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**Professional Counseling
Services Available**

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

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



Greeters 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 8 (9:00) John & Teresa Maness
(11:00) Kim Osborne

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

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

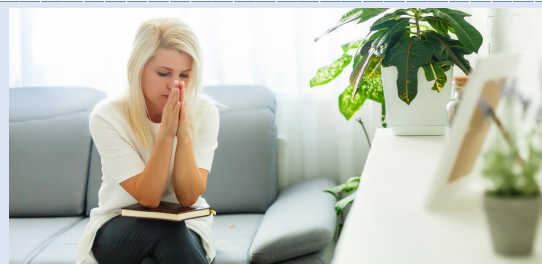


DCLC (9:00 worship)

March: Helen Yarborough and Dawn Shepard

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

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

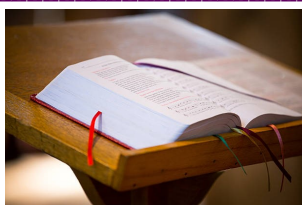


Draw and Name and Pray for

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 8

8:30 am Sandra Hancock
9:00am Gabby McCalister
11:00 am Beverly Suitt

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

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



March 8 Ned Heins

March 15 Heath Hendrick

March 22 Jeff Hedrick



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 4—March 11

Birthdays:

(3/4) Conner Showalter

(3/5) Susan Beemer

Isaac Halverstadt

Beverly Suitt

Coy Turner

(3/7) Evelyn Atkins

Oliver Cotterell

Betsy Lucas

Sandy Woodard

Tommy Wright

(3/8) Jeff Hedrick

(3/9) Abby Borrell

Stan Hales

Katie Harris

Cole Lyerly

(3/10) Daniel Egbert

Glenn Gunter

Daniel Martin

Carter Spittler

(3/11) Frances Brown

David Stout

Hannah Wilson

Anniversaries

(3/6) Jessy & Rachel Sindelir

(3/7) Charles & Jan Hayes

(3/10) Josh & Casey Halverstadt

(3/11) Matthew & Chloe Miller



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 3/1/26	\$17,184.00
Restricted Funds Received 3/1/26	\$470.00

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	*		
Week 3	*531	*522	*		
Week 4	*649	*406	*		
Week 5	*913	317			
March Avg.	*665	*374	*331		

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*

*Saint Luke
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Prayer Requests

Received as of March 4, 2026

Our Known Prayer Needs

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

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 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 . . .

Neal and Ann Kightlinger and family in the loss of Neal's brother, Ray Kightlinger, of Columbia, SC;
Rev. Bob O'Keef and family in the loss of his wife, Phyllis O'Keef.

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Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

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

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

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