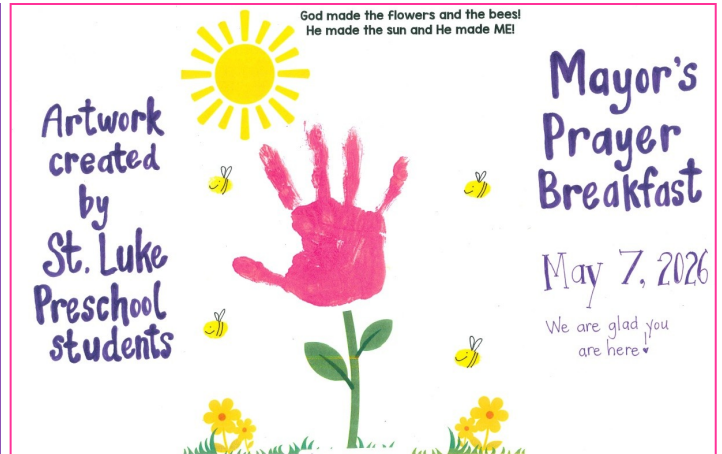


Saint Luke UMC

# The + Acts

May 20, 2026



Saint Luke was honored to co-host the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, along with the Sanford Area Growth Alliance, on Thursday, May 7, 2026. As co-hosts, we were responsible for providing the venue, the decorations, and the beverages. Tables were sponsored by businesses in our community. Preacher Eddie provided the invocation. We are grateful to Linda Foushee for organizing Saint Luke's part in this event. The tables were decorated beautifully,

thanks to Linda and her helpers. Special thanks to Eddie Baker for providing flowers for each table! Linda and her crew also made sure we had plenty of juice and coffee available and kept the pitchers and coffee pots full. Saint Luke Preschool Director, Danielle Baur, made placemats which featured artwork from our Preschool students for each table place setting. The Saint Luke Preschool 4-year-olds classes provided some of the entertainment by singing during the event, which delighted all who attended. (Many thanks to their parents for getting them here early and to their teachers!) Saint Luke is happy to have been a part of such a wonderful event!

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SAINT LUKE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God. Loving Others.  
SANFORD, NC

**Saint Luke UMC  
Calendar of Events  
May 20—May 27, 2026**

**Wednesday, May 20**

- 11:30 am Ladies Lunch and Learn—Davison's Steaks (1724 Westover Drive)  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

**Thursday, May 21**

- 10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223  
12:00 pm Keenagers—Room #222/224

**Sunday, May 24**

- 8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel  
9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC  
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm. #233  
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224  
10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 am Worship Service —Sanctuary  
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen

**Monday, May 25**

Memorial Day Holiday—Office Closed

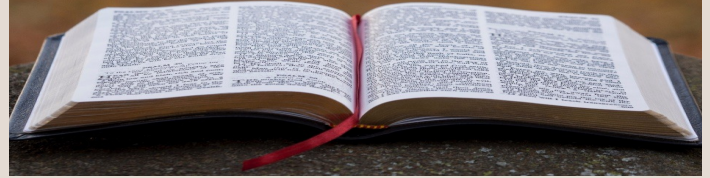
**Tuesday, May 26**

- 5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC  
9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room  
7:00 pm Missions Committee—Room #227

**Wednesday, May 27**

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC  
9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

*Preparing for Worship ...*



*Scriptures for May 24, 2026*

Acts 2:1-21 or                      1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
Numbers 11:24-30                      John 7:37-39  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



*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.



For persons who work  
with  
children, youth, or  
vulnerable persons

Scan this QR Code to access our  
Saint Luke UMC  
Safer Sanctuaries Policy and  
Training Information



Questions? Please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel.



# The Pastors' Page

*God of the women who answered your call; Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth — Give us their courage to live in your truth.  
God of the women who walked Jesus' Way; Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more — May we give freely as they did before.  
O God of Phoebe and ministers all, May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near; That we may share in your ministry here.*

The above words are from the hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, "God of the Women" written in 1998. It is set to the familiar Irish folk tune SLANE, commonly recognized with "Be Thou My Vision." In January 2006, the United Methodist Church used this hymn to celebrate the 50th anniversary year of the ordination of women in The United Methodist Church. This year, 2026, marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women in the Methodist tradition.



**In 1956, the Methodist Church made a historic decision to ordain women as clergy** during the General Conference. This vote granted women full ministerial rights, allowing women to serve as ordained clergy. It was a significant decision in the life of the Methodist Church, recognizing that God's call to serve transcends gender. This vote was a groundbreaking step towards inclusion and equality within the church, paving the way for future generations of women in ministry.

Women have been an important part of the work of God's Kingdom since its beginning. God used various women in the Old Testament to carry out his plan for the Jewish people. In the New Testament, women were disciples of Jesus, serving and leading alongside Jesus. Women were leaders, mentors, missionaries, and teachers in the early church.

This year our Ladies Lunch and Learn gatherings were focused on learning about women used by God to make an impact in the world. Our 2025-2026 theme was "Can I Get a Witness?" We studied how God uses women to witness God's love to others, to lead and teach, and how God works in the lives of various women. Here are some of the women of the Bible we discussed this year:

1. **Rahab**, known as the "Harlot of Jericho," harbored Hebrew spies in her home to keep them safe. She became the ancestress of King David, and from David's lineage came Jesus Christ, the Messiah.
2. **Jochebed** was the mother of Moses, and **Miriam** was Moses' sister. Jochebed saved Moses' life by laying him in a basket and placing him in the Nile River. Miriam watched over Moses as he floated down the river. The actions of these courageous women saved the life of Moses, who later led God's people out of Egypt, and received the gift of the Ten Commandments.
3. **Esther** was a young, but brave and courageous maiden who was taken to the palace of a King. When she became Queen, Esther risked her life to deliver God's people from annihilation. With God guiding her, Esther saved the Jewish nation from destruction.
4. **Mary**, mother of Jesus, was faithful, obedient, and deeply committed to God. Mary allowed God to use her as a vessel to bring God's gift of salvation to the world.
5. **Lydia** was a God-fearing businesswoman. Lydia was the first recorded European convert to Christianity, highlighting the spread of the Gospel beyond Jewish communities. She was a leader in the early church, supporting the apostles with her resources, and opening her home as a gathering place for the early Christians.
6. **Tabitha** (also known as Dorcas) was a disciple known for her good works and acts of love for the poor and widows. She was a charitable person who made things, especially clothing, for the needy in Joppa. Tabitha's home was a community center for believers, a house church.
7. **Priscilla** was a key leader in the early church, traveling and teaching to help further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She is recognized as one of the first female teachers and missionaries in the New Testament. Her home was a center for Christian teaching and fellowship, functioning as a house church.

Women are gifted leaders in the church, serving unselfishly, teaching prophetically, and preaching boldly. Although a woman has never served as senior pastor here at Saint Luke UMC, I pray one day that dream will become a reality, and a spirit-led woman, sent by God and the North Carolina Conference Cabinet, will arrive in the future of this great congregation. In the meantime, we continue to celebrate the movement of God's Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of our church, as we look forward to celebrating Pentecost Sunday this Sunday. Remember to wear red!

*Pastor Charlotte*

# Welcome, Rev. Sunny Limm, Guest Preacher



We are delighted to welcome Rev. Sunny Limm to our worship services on Sunday, May 24. We look forward to hearing his message!

Rev. Limm is a follower of Jesus Christ. He is married to Jin-hee and they have two children, Charis and Theodore. He was born in California, grew up in South Korea and North Carolina and has been serving the Lord as a United Methodist pastor since 2015.

Previously, he worked in the music industry as a musician, music teacher and audio engineer until he heard God calling him to ordained ministry. He holds an Associate of Arts from Musicians Institute, Bachelor of Theology from Methodist Theological University, and Master of Divinity from Duke University Divinity School. He is passionate about both learning about and sharing with others God and his love of Jesus Christ. Prior to his appointment as Fairway District Superintendent in 2023, Rev. Limm served Trinity UMC in Kinston, and Trinity UMC in Marshallberg, N.C.

## Pints with the Pastor

Using scriptures from Joshua 24:15, John 6:66-69, James 1:5, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Philippians 4:8, the men who gathered for Pints with the Pastor on Monday, May 18 discussed choices that they had made in their lives that had proven successful, and choices they wish they had not made. They talked about what factors influence their decision-making, and examined how much they include God in their decisions. Pints with the Pastor is always thought-provoking and uplifting. The group meets on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 pm at Camelback Brewing Co. on Spring Lane. All men are welcome! Join us next month!

Next Gathering:  
**Monday, June 15**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Camelback Brewing Co.**  
**(804 Spring Lane)**

All men are welcome!  
Bring a friend!



**PINTS WITH THE PASTOR**  
It's a Saint Luke / Camelback Thing





# "Community Sunday"

Combined Worship & Covered Dish Lunch

*May 31, 2026*



On this day we will award the  
2026 Saint Luke Foundation Grants  
and will recognize our Graduating Seniors.  
You won't want to miss it!



- ◆ **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 with our guests. (Food may be dropped off in the Forbes Family Kitchen as you arrive for worship.)
  - ◆ Please be sure to sign up so we know how much meat to buy and how many places to set at the tables! Sign up in Sunday School or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012.

We celebrate another successful work week with our superb Friday Friends Team at Saint Luke UMC! This team completed numerous projects around the church last Wednesday and Friday. Here is a summary of what was accomplished:

# 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

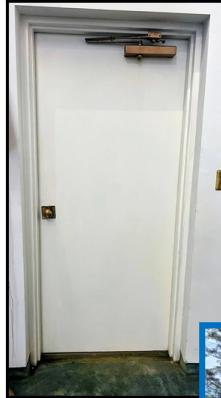


**Dirty Door**



Thank you, Renee and Jimmy Keen for cleaning this door in the Casey Chapel!

## Clean Door



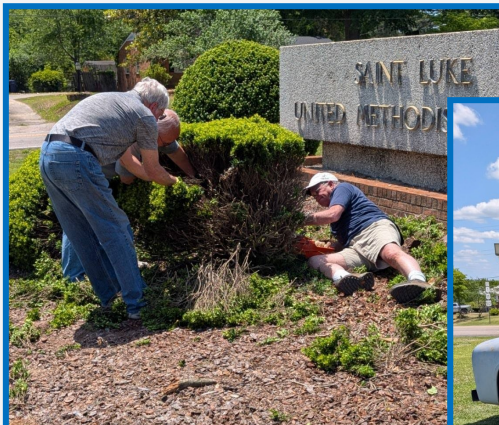
**Project #1:** Renee and Jimmy Keen cleaned the Casey Chapel exit door, which has been neglected for years. It looks great! We are grateful for their willingness to spend a morning at church cleaning and scrubbing!

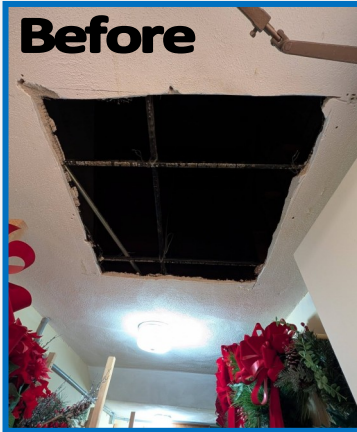
**Project #2:** Chuck Heiser, Bill Murphy, and William Knott spent several hours removing bushes, setting out mulch, and removing clippings at the Wicker Street church sign. This particular project will take a bit longer to complete, and will need to be done in phases. It includes removing most of the bushes, setting out mulch, removing clippings, power washing the church sign, painting the letters, and setting out rock around the sign. We have both sides of the sign to work on. If you would like to help with this outdoor project, please contact Chuck Heiser.

## Before



## After





**Before**



**After**

**Project #3:** Chuck Heiser and William Knott covered the opening in the ceiling in one of the Christmas storage closets near the sanctuary. This was recommended during a recent fire inspection.

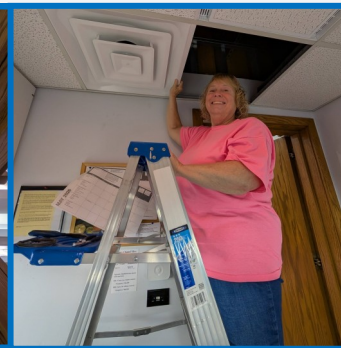
**Project #4:** Leonard Brendel and Theresa Knott installed a ceiling tile and ceiling vent in the Sacristy in the Casey Chapel where the sound equipment is located.



**Before**



**After**



**Project #5:** Mary Ann Miller and Theresa Knott cleaned and organized the closet in the Harriss Youth House. This was required during a recent fire inspection.

**Project #6:** Chuck Heiser and William Knott installed a camera mount in the gym for a new camera to be available for worship.

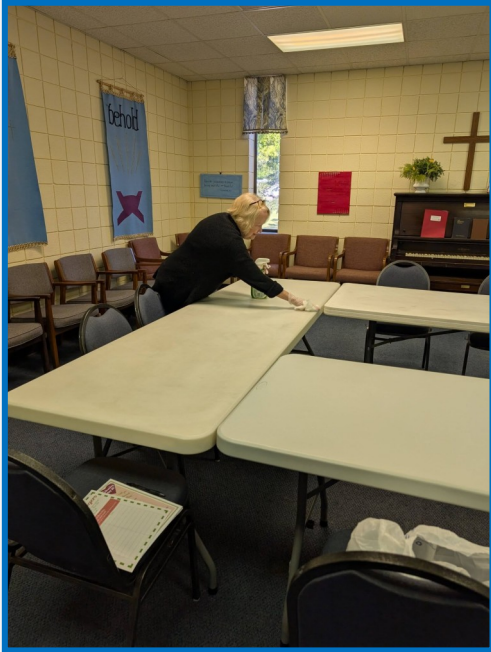


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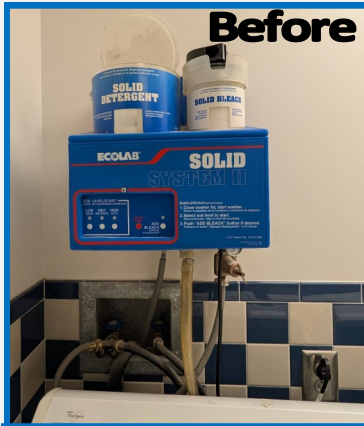
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**Project #7:** Margie Washburn washed all the table tops in the adult Sunday School classrooms.

*"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for man, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."  
Colossians 3:23-24*



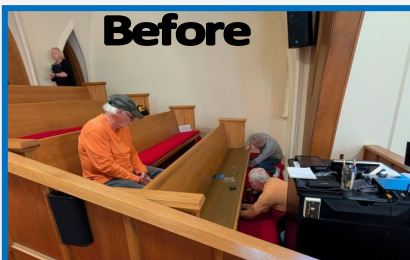
**Before**

**Project #8:** Gordon Washburn and Mary Ann Miller disconnected and removed the obsolete laundry detergent system connected to the washer, and also removed the washer and dryer. After all the men loaded them onto Gordon's truck, Gordon and Chuck delivered the old washer and dryer to the scrap metal place in Sanford.



**After**

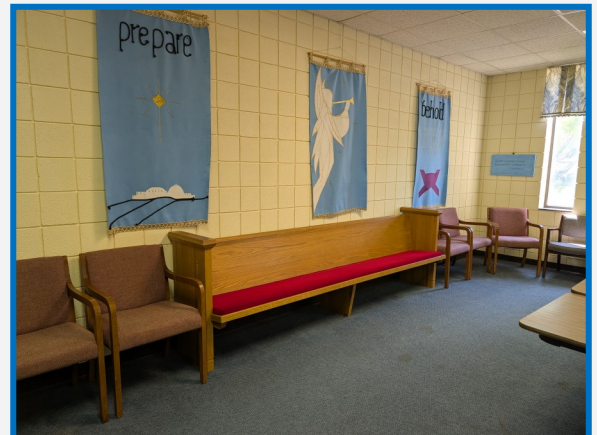
**Project #9:** After all the above projects were completed, the men worked to unbolt a small pew in the balcony in preparation for its removal. Travis Beal and Philip Kelly removed the pew from the balcony and delivered it to its new location, the Something More Sunday School Class. We missed getting a picture of Travis and Philip, but we appreciate their muscles and their hard work!



**Before**



**After**



Above: The pew in its new home, providing extra seating in the Something More Class.

Thanks to our Friday Friends Team (and other helpers) for your hard work, your pride in keeping the church facilities in good condition, and the way you enjoy working together on these projects. We are so grateful to you! If you would like to join us to work on projects around the church, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at the church office (or [charlottebrendel@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottebrendel@yahoo.com)).

As a bonus surprise, we now have a new washer and dryer for the church! This was possible through the generosity of several persons. Thank you to Pat and Bruce Greybill, Pat Sindelir, Wednesday Night Live friends, and an anonymous donor for hearing about a need, and responding so quickly to that need. The new set is pictured below.

It is such a joy to watch how God is moving at Saint Luke UMC. Each of you are an incredible blessing to our church. Thank you!



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Thank you, Friday Friends! Your church family appreciates you!

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*Sharing Life ... and Lunch!*

Our Singles 50+ enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship recently as they shared a meal together. This group meets monthly on a Sunday following worship at Davison's Restaurant at 12:30 pm as a way to get to know each other and offer support. We enjoy learning about each other, and we love hearing some great stories! All persons age 50+ who are single (never married, divorced, or lost a spouse) are encouraged to join us. Our next gathering will be Sunday, June 28 at 12:30 pm at Davison's Restaurant. Come join this fun group! For more information, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel.





# *From Saint Luke's Foundation Board*

Dear Saint Luke Members:

On May 31st, at our 10:00 joint "Community Sunday" service, a bulletin insert written by Saint Luke's Foundation Board of Directors will be provided. The purpose of this leaflet is to inform the congregation that once again the Board not only has offered a grant to the Saint Luke UMC Trustees, but also to provide a list of the 20 charities which are being awarded grants.

Perhaps you, like I—before I served on the board—have had a vague idea of exactly what procedures the Foundation Board followed in order to offer the donations. I am glad to share what has transpired before the upcoming 5th Sunday worship service.

1. In February, applications were sent out from the Board from an accumulated list of charities—a majority being sent to nonprofits in Lee County. Applicants were required to describe the purpose of their work, exactly how they planned to use the requested funds, and other significant details.
2. Then each board member read all of the applications before meeting to decide what portion of our endowed fund we could afford to spend and to discuss one-by-one the applications.
3. Later, a second meeting was held to finalize the amounts that would be awarded. Plans were made to notify the recipients. Representatives of the charities were invited to come worship and dine with us on this "Community Sunday."

I share the above information with you for the following reasons:

1. To give you a clear picture of how the grant process works and assure you that applications are well-vetted. After being part of this process for two years, it is my opinion that the donations that individual church members make to The Foundation are well-spent.
2. To make you aware that since so much of our monies are given to local charities, you as a contributor are investing in our community.
3. To bring to your attention that seldom are we able to grant in full the reasonable requests that are made of us. So please consider The Foundation when you are wanting to give a gift in honor or memory of someone, or when you are wanting a way to support those charities that enhance our lives, as well as the lives of others.

On a personal note, my strong interest in wanting to build up The Foundation is because during my former teaching days, I witnessed firsthand the benefit of several of the local nonprofits' influence on alleviating generational poverty, as well as offering needed and appreciated support for members of our community.

Sincerely,

*Mary Brown Wicker*

Mary Brown Wicker

# Mother's Day at Saint Luke

We celebrated Mother's Day at Saint Luke by giving a small gift to all ladies who were present, and by awarding prizes to several mothers in each service. Winners were:



8:30 Service	
Most Children and Grandchildren Present	Betsy James
Most Experienced Mother	Elaine Thomas
Most Nurturing to the Congregation	Kay Stout
9:00 Service	
Most Children and Grandchildren Present	Teresa Cowan
Newest Mother	Haley Jones
Most Experienced Mother	Jean Davenport
11:00 Service	
Most Children and Grandchildren Present	TIE—Jan Hayes and Linda Carter
Newest Mother	Rebecca Franzoia
Most Experienced Mother	Fran Davis

*Congratulations to each of these mothers!*



## Kids Just Wanna Have FUN!!

Saint Luke After School Summer Program

Monday—Friday from 8 am to 5:30 pm

Weekly Tuition: \$190

Week of June 1—5: Kids in the Kitchen Week

Week of June 8—12: Sports Week

Week of June 15—19: Exploring Nature and Water Week

Week of June 22—26: Arts & Crafts Week

Week of July 6—10: Science and Farm Week

Space is still available most weeks—hurry and register before they fill up!

Contact Carolyn Lee for more information or to register:  
[afterschool@saintlukeumc.org](mailto:afterschool@saintlukeumc.org) or 919-770-0607



## United Women In Faith - Making a Difference!

The United Women in Faith's annual General Meeting and Spring Luncheon was held on Monday, May 11th. One of the highlights each year is awarding donations to local charities. This year's recipients were the Bread Basket, Outreach Mission, Inc., H3 (Health, Healing, and Hope), and Saint Luke's Mary Tulluck Fund (used to help those in need). Each charity received a generous \$500 donation. Pictured with UWIF President, Kathy Jones, accepting the donations for each organization were Donna Doss from the Bread Basket, Rev. Judy Drye and Rev. Charlotte Brendel on behalf of the Mary Tulluck Fund, Laura Spivey from Outreach Mission, Inc., and Cindy Hall from H3. Many thanks to United Women in Faith for working to make our community a better place!



Thanks to your incredible generosity,  
Saint Luke's Miracle Sunday offering was  
**\$11,195.00!!**

Thank you for your wonderful response! You outdid yourselves! Your contributions will help provide future United Methodist Clergy around the world with the tools and resources they need to impact lives and communities for generations to come.

 **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!



On behalf of United Women in Faith I want to thank all those that helped before and during the luncheon and all that participated

and came to help us celebrate a very successful year! We were able to give \$500 dollars to each of the following: Mary Tulluck Fund, Outreach Mission, Bread Basket and H3. It is always very special to us when we are able to do that. Thank you to all ladies of Saint Luke United Methodist Church. You are loved and appreciated!!

Kathy Jones  
UWIF President

Join us  
for



# Keenagers

Thursday, May 21st

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! Cost for lunch is \$6. Please sign up in Sunday School, or on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012 by Monday, May 18th if you plan to attend. Don't miss out!



## 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, May 24 for fellowship and coffee!

## Help Needed!



Help is needed to move a piano

to the home of a church member. If you have a truck with a lift or ramp and can help move a small piano from the church to a member's home, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-2012 or by email at [charlottebrendel@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottebrendel@yahoo.com).

YOU'RE INVITED

## 90 YEAR OLD & BETTER CELEBRATION RECEPTION

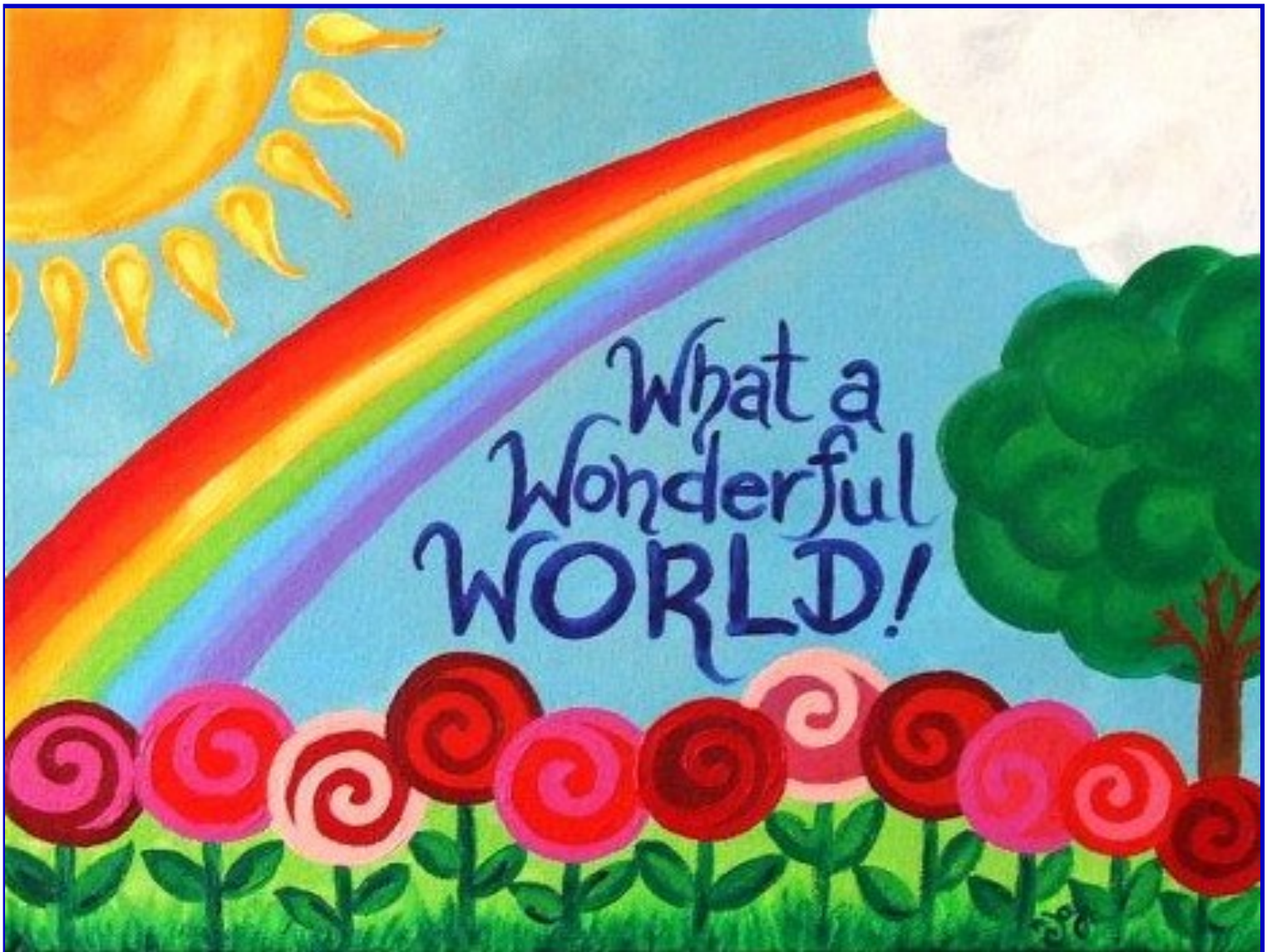
The Enrichment Center is honored to celebrate all Lee County residents, who are aged 90 and better, with a reception on **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.**

Please RSVP by Friday, May 22nd.  
(919) 776-0501 ext. 2203.  
One guest allowed per 90-year-old.

The Enrichment Center of Lee County  
N.C. Certified Senior Center of Excellence  
1615 S. Third Street / Sanford, NC 27330  
[leecountync.gov/departments/senior\\_services](http://leecountync.gov/departments/senior_services)  
<https://www.facebook.com/LCEnrichmentCenter>



LEE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT  
SENIOR SERVICES



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

Register Now at [www.vbsmate.com/saintluke](http://www.vbsmate.com/saintluke)



Save the Dates!  
August 3, 10, 17 & 24  
Summer  
Bible Study

More details to come!  
The study will be held at  
the church at 4 pm



Lost and Found!

Missing a water bottle? Check the coffee bar in the Williams Lobby. We have quite a collection!

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 5/27, 6/10 and 6/24.  
Cost is \$7.



Next Gathering:  
July 15

*Ladies Lunch & Learn  
will take a break in June.*

Mark your calendars  
and plan to join us  
on July 15

11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
DAVISON'S RESTAURANT  
1724 Westover Drive  
Sanford, NC

*Ladies of all ages are welcome!*

## 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 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.**



# Attention: 2026 Graduates

If you are graduating from **High School OR College** this spring, or have a child who is graduating, please notify Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or [laura@saintlukeumc.org](mailto:laura@saintlukeumc.org). We would like to have the following information:

- ◆ *the graduate's full name*
- ◆ *the name of the high school or college from which they are graduating*
- ◆ *the degree they received (for college graduates)*
- ◆ *any honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude for college graduates; Beta Club, NHS, NTHS, etc. for high school graduates)*
- ◆ *plans for the Fall (for high school students)*
- ◆ *and a picture of the graduate (may be in cap and gown or not)*

**Students who graduated in December, 2025 are welcome to submit their information as well!**

This information will be included in an upcoming edition of the Acts and in our graduation booklet on Senior Sunday. **The deadline to submit information is Monday, May 25th.**

***We are proud of you all!  
Help us celebrate YOU!***



## CUOC and Backpack Pals \*\*May 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 May, we are collecting BEANS for CUOC (may be dried or canned). For Backpack Pals we are collecting CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP (any brand, pop-top cans or individual servings).** 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.***

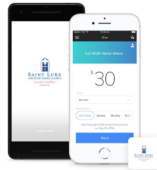




# EASY, FAST, AND SECURE: 3 Convenient Ways to Give to Saint Luke UMC:

- 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.



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# CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Jesus loves me  
this I know



Central Carolina Academy recently held their Senior Night in the Davenport Christian Life Center. Saint Luke is proud to support our local schools! Several of



our members are students there, and several are teachers there. Congratulations to those who were honored!



## Saint Luke's Red Bird Mission Trip Is June 21 - 26, 2026 Who Will Go?

**"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I, send me.'" Isaiah 6:8**

Plans for our 9<sup>th</sup> mission trip to Red Bird are underway! Is this your year to join the team and donate six days of your time, energy and skills to needy families in eastern Kentucky? If so, contact Judy Drye at 919-545-6780 or [judydrye@nccumc.org](mailto:judydrye@nccumc.org). A \$50 registration fee is required, payable to Saint Luke ASAP. The balance of \$450 will be offset by team contributions and generous donations from church members. Fees cover room and board as well as the materials needed for the project we will adopt. The dates for our trip are June 21-26. As our team theme song states: "Red Bird is the place to be!" You won't regret supporting this 100+ year old ministry that seeks to meet the needs of their impoverished communities.



# The ARK Ministry

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



**CURRENT NEEDS:** Medium or Large Men's Boxers  
Toilet Paper  
Gently used shorts - men's or women's

**Ways you can help:**

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

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



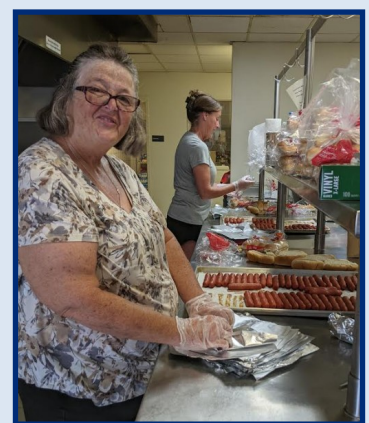
### Upcoming Lead Cooks

- 5/24 Rachel Greybill
- 5/31 Jan Hayes
- 6/7 Kim Hales

### Upcoming Packing Teams

- 5/24 Osborne / McCalister (No Trailers)
- 5/31 Johnson / Need a Volunteer
- 6/7 Genesis Class / Collin Coggins

*Loving God, Loving Others.*





**Attention: GUYS!**  
**Fairway District UMM**  
**Scholarship Available!**

The Fairway District United Methodist Men is offering a scholarship to young men from churches in the Fairway District who will be attending a college or trade school during the 2026-2027 academic year. If you'd like an application, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or [laura@saintlukeumc.org](mailto:laura@saintlukeumc.org). **Deadline to apply is July 17, 2026.**

**Thought for the Day**

*"I wish not merely  
to be called  
Christian,  
but also to be  
Christian."*



*Saint Ignatius*

**Fairway District**  
**United Methodist Men**  
**Golf Tournament**



**Wednesday, June 3**  
**1:30 pm**

**Sanford Golf Course**  
**\$85/person; \$340/team**

Proceeds benefit the FDUMM  
Scholarship Fund.  
Entry forms available in the church office.

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**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!



**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.**

<b>May 24</b>	(9:00)	Chris & Sarah Slate
	(11:00)	Betsy James
<b>May 31</b>	(10:00)	Ned & Susanne Heins and Daltina Peele (10:00 Combined Service)
<b>June 7</b>	(9:00)	Ronnie & Kathy Jones
	(11:00)	Susan Nave

# Altar Guild


**DCLC (9:00 worship)**  
**May:** Ashlee Beal and Mallory Paderick

**June:** Kathy Jones, Susan Laudate, and Katherine Wheby

**Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)**  
**May:** Susan Nave (chair), Patti Cox, and Toni Davenport-Morse

**June:** Susan Laudate (chair), Shirley Joyner, and Sandy Woodard

# Scripture Readers Schedule



<b>May 24</b>		
8:30 am		Charlotte Brendel
9:00 am		Ronnie Jones
11:00 am		Charlotte Brendel
<b>May 31</b>		
10:00 am		Susan Nave Chan Bryant
<b>June 7</b>		
8:30 am		Bill Towson
9:00 am		Dare Wright
11:00 am		Robin Jones



**PINTS WITH THE PASTOR**  
**NEXT MEETING:**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 15**  
**AT 5:30 PM**  
**CAMELBACK BREWING CO.**  
**804 SPRING LANE**

**All men are welcome for this time of fellowship and a devotion! Bring a friend!**




# Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



<b>May 24</b>	Travis Beal
<b>May 31</b>	Mike Laudate/11:00 crew (10:00 am combined service)
<b>June 7</b>	Matt Brown

# Attendance Counter for 9:00 Worship



<b>May 24</b>	Mike Laudate
<b>May 31</b>	Ronnie Jones (10:00 am)
<b>June 7</b>	Travis Beal

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 20—May 27

## Birthdays:

(5/20) Holden Keen

(5/21) Stewart Forbes  
Marley (Spence) Mercer

(5/22) Will Gordon  
Molly Whitaker

(5/23) Costin Kelly

(5/24) Collins Harris

(5/25) Dawson Brown  
Lynn Smith

(5/26) Kevin Kirkman  
Brian Smith

(5/27) Terri Johnson  
Richard Wicker

## Anniversaries

(5/22) Justin & Elizabeth Smith

(5/23) Bill & Teresa Cowan  
Dave & Susan Nave

(5/25) Todd & Robin Showalter

(5/27) Ira & Patsy Smith



# membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

## FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 5/10/26	\$26,528.50
Total Offering General Funds Received 5/17/26	\$24,471.40
Designated Funds Received 5/10/26	\$320.00
Designated Funds Received 5/17/26	\$13,645.00

## May Attendance

	2024	2025	2026	2026 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2026 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*502	*296	*391	36/211/87	31/26
Week 2	*1016	*272	*284	36/186/62	n/a
Week 3	*712	*224	*278	29/110/80	27/32
Week 4	*411	*224			
Week 5					
May Avg.	*660	*254	*318		

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?

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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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

*Saint Luke  
United Methodist Church*

## *Prayer Requests*

*Received as of May 20, 2026*

### *Our Known Prayer Needs*

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

### *Other Known Prayer Requests*

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

### *Sympathy to . . .*

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

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## Saint Luke United Methodist Church

### Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

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

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

### Our Church Staff—Contact us!

Lead Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Minister of Visitation  
Children and Family Ministry  
Youth Ministry  
Coordinator of Contemporary Music  
Director of Music Ministries  
Office Manager  
Bookkeeper  
Receptionist  
Receptionist  
AV/IT Coordinator  
Preschool Director  
Afterschool Director  
Organist Emeritus, Posthumous

Rev. Eddie Hill, Elder  
Rev. Charlotte Brendel, Deacon  
Rev. Judy Drye, Elder  
Katherine Holt  
Abigail Thompson  
Curtis Moore  
Rodney Oldham  
Laura Alverson  
Pat Angel  
Rebecca Little  
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