BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY AUGUST 12
9 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will be on August 12th, for the 9:00 a.m. service and the 11:00 a.m. service. Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks so they can attach a fun gift from the church. Also, the congregation will pray a blessing over the children as they are beginning a new school year. You don’t want to miss this special day.

PROMOTION SUNDAY will be on August 12th. All children and Sunday School teachers will meet in Stockwell Hall at 10:00 a.m. We will have a short whole group lesson, and then let the individual grade levels break off to meet their teachers. We will end back in Stockwell Hall at 10:50 a.m.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor
rbeckum@stlukeum.com
ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.stlukeum.com and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM. Rebroadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

August 5, 2018
11th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Color: White

Prelude........................................... “Crown Imperial” ...................................William Walton
Welcome and Opening Prayer..............................................................Rev. Robert Beckum
Choral Call to Worship (11:00 a.m.) . “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”. Ludwig van Beethoven

*Hymn...................................... “The Church’s One Foundation” ......................Number 545
***The Affirmation of Faith.............. “The Apostles’ Creed” .............................Number 881

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.)..................................................Savannah Lane Key
Daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Nathan (Hannah) Key
As Christ’s body, the church, we reaffirm both our rejection of sin and our commitment to Christ. With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Savannah Lane with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust in God and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer..............................................................Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard
(11:00 a.m.) Rev. Brett Maddocks

Choral Prayer Response (11:00 a.m.)........... “Danish Amen”........................................anon.

The Written Word.........................................................John 6:24-35 (p.92, NT in pew Bible)
The Spoken Word.......................................................... “THE GIFT” ..............................Rev. Beckum

The Invitation and Confession
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving.................................................Page 23; Hymnal

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

*Hymn...................................... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ......................Number 127

*The Benediction..............................................................Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)........... “Sevenfold Amen”.................................John Rutter
Postlude........................................... “Sortie on a Hymn Tune” .............................Ken Bailey

Acolyte (11:00 a.m.): Sarah Cartwright and Hannah Grace Mayfield
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 5
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN)
9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet (Parlor, Main)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Sunday School Assembly (The Corner, MIN)
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)/College Small Group (College House)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukeum.com beginning at 11:00 a.m.
12:20 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Chapel, Main)
1-4:00 p.m. Hispanic Sunday School Classes and Fellowship (Stockwell Hall, Main)
4:30 p.m. Extreme Kids (MIN)
5-7:00 p.m. Crosswalk and High School Corner (Stockwell Hall)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9.

Monday, August 6
6:30 p.m. JrK Parent Orientation

Tuesday, August 7
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

Wednesday, August 8
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:30 a.m. Kiwanis (LD, MIN)/Lions Club (Meeting Room, MIN)
5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm.)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)

Thursday, August 9
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:30 a.m. Exchange Club (SD, MIN)

Friday, August 10
9:30 p.m. Preschool CPR/First Aid Training (Meeting Room, MIN)
6:00 p.m. Healing Ministries Pastors Anniversary Dinner (LD, MIN)

Saturday, August 11
6:00 p.m. Jordan High Athletic Hall of Fame (LD, MIN)
Main (main building, where Sanctuary is)/MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms.

OUR CLERGY STAFF
Rev. Robert Beckum, Senior Minister - rbeckum@stlukeum.com
Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard, Associate Pastor - cindy@stlukeum.com
Rev. Brett Maddocks, Associate Pastor - bmaddocks@stlukeum.com
Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones, Associate Pastor - iquinones@stlukeum.com
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PHONE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
If you have 3-4 hours a month to volunteer and would like to be more involved at St. Luke, consider being a phone volunteer. Kym Harden (kym@stlukeum.com) will train you!
WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. José Resto preaching; “Alegraos” Lucas 10: 18-20.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Robert Beckum, preaching.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elle Joyce Marks by Mr. and Mrs. Andy Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Len Sexton.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES August 19 & 26, September 2. To place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Orchard View Rehabilitation: Frank “Sonny” Clements, 117, Morris Plott, 120.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. & Mrs. Steve (Becky) Bristow in the death of her father; Mr. William Jackson Roberts on July 29th in Montezuma, GA.

PLEASE LET US KNOW: Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us if you are a patient. If you or a loved one have to go to the hospital, please do not assume that the church office knows. We would rather hear about something ten times than not at all! You may call the church at 706-327-4343 at any time or call the pastors at home! Thanks so much.

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad to have you with us today! If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask a church greeter or any member of the church staff. For more information about St. Luke, contact Cindy Cox Garrard or any of the pastors at 706-327-4343 or cindy@stlukeum.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Capt. & Mrs. Joseph (Adrienne) DiPietro. They come by transfer from another United Methodist Church.

HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?
You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:
1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.
3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!
**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

Hope Sims, Director of Children’s Ministries, hsims@stlukeum.com - www.cornerkidz.com

**CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.)** welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted upstairs to the new Corner Kidz Room next to the Gymnasium. Parents need to pick up children from new Corner Kidz Room immediately after the 9 a.m. service.

**CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.)** welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted to Stockwell Hall. Please pick up your child at Stockwell Hall after the service.

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**-Respite Care-**

“Caring for loved ones and caregivers.”
Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117 or dhett@stlukeum.com

**Join The St Luke Strollers in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s**
**Friday, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m. Uptown Columbus**

**Gluten-free bread is available.**

**Handicapped Parking**

The Ministry Center parking lot and the parking lot between St. Luke and First Baptist are reserved on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for those with handicapped stickers and for senior adults. Please help us reserve these spots for these friends!

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**HOLY COMMUNION:** All persons who confess Christ as their Savior, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward by the center aisle at the invitation of the ushers and stand or kneel in prayer at the chancel rail for as long as you like, then cup your hands to indicate your readiness to receive the Sacrament. After you have partaken of the cup, you may remain in prayer or return to your seat by means of the side aisle. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion in their seats should so indicate to an usher or pastor. **Gluten-free bread is available.** The offering plates at the head of the center aisle are to receive gifts for the Samaritan Fund, our emergency financial outreach ministry. Please give generously as God gives you the ability.

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**Register at georgiawalk.org**

**Team Name: St Luke Strollers**

Or call Diane at 706-256-311

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**St. Luke Family Camp 2018**

October 5-7, 2018
Join us for this fantastic family adventure!

Register at www.stlukeum.com

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**PRAYER ROOM MINISTRY**

Do you have two hours a month to devote to praying for the needs of St. Luke, its members and community concerns? The Prayer Room ministry has a spot for you. Call the church office, 706-327-4343 for info.
UPPER ROOMS AVAILABLE
Remember that Upper Room daily devotional guides are available in the parlor and the narthex for $1.00 per copy. Large print copies are available for $2.00.

Abiding Gifts
If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgement sent and mail or bring to the Church Office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

Respite Care: In memory of Mrs. Chris Aycock by Philip, Sandra, and Derek Day and Collen, Rusty, Collins, and Stewart Rustin, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott.
Higher Education Scholarship Fund: In honor of Rev. Brett Maddocks by the Seekers Sunday School Class.
Music Fund: In honor of Rev. Tom Scott by the Seekers Sunday School Class.
Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Wayne Houston by Dr. Franklin J. Star.

Join St. Luke Free Spirits for a Musical Lucheon
with Dr. Marc Boensel
Director of Music Ministries at St. Luke UMC
Tuesday, August 28, 2018
11:30 a.m.
Cost: $10
St. Luke Ministry Center
For reservations contact Kym at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com

College House Ministries
College and Young Adult ministry (Ages 18-26)
For more information, email Lisa Williams @ lwilliams@stlukeum.com, or check us out online at www.collegehouseministries.com.
Follow us online! Instagram: CollegeHouse_ Twitter: CollegeHouse_
Facebook.com/collegehouseministries

August Prayer Calendar
This month’s prayer calendar is based on the book of Proverbs, which has 31 chapters. We will read a chapter each day and focus on an aspect of that chapter for our prayer focus for the day. Remember that you may make prayer requests by using the prayer cards or by contacting Maggie Roberson at maggie@stlukeum.com at any time.

Our Phone Numbers
Church Office, 706-327-4343 • Preschool, 706-327-4343
St. Luke School, 706-256-1301 • Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703
Ministry Center, 706-256-1017 • Respite Care Ministry, 706-256-3117

11 Day Eastern Europe & Oberammergau
Passion Play 2020
June 12 – 22
Material is now available- if you haven’t received yours please contact Kym, 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com

The Corner
Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukeum.com

Each Sunday Night Crosswalk and the Corner High School meet from 5-7 p.m.
Mondays Are Locals Day! We eat together at a local restaurant every week! Meet at church at noon or the restaurant at 12:30! Watch social media for the place! #community