GRACE, GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY CREATE A MORE CHRIST-LIKE WORLD

Giving helps us become who God wants us to be. Giving is not merely about the church’s need for money but about a disciple’s need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth. God uses our giving to change the world for God’s purposes, and God uses our giving to reconfigure our interior lives—-to change us. It is through giving of ourselves and resources as God has given to us that we help the body of Christ to flourish in our generation. That’s why, when we join St. Luke Church we promise to “to uphold the ministry and mission of Christ with our gifts.”

Every sanctuary and chapel in which we have worshiped, every church organ, piano, guitar or keyboard that has lifted our spirits, every pew or chair where we have sat, every communion rail where we have knelt, every hymnal from which we have sung, every praise band that has touched our hearts, every church classroom where we have gathered with friends for study or fellowship, every church kitchen that has prepared our meals, every church van that has taken us to camp, every youth group or children’s ministry through which our lives were blessed—-all are the fruit of someone’s sacrificial generosity.

We have been the recipients of grace upon grace. We are the heirs, the beneficiaries of those who came before us who were touched by the grace of Christ enough to give graciously so that we could experience the truth of Christ for ourselves. We owe the same to the next generation. We have worshiped in sanctuaries we did not build, so to us falls the privilege of building sanctuaries where we shall never worship. Disciples who practice intentional generosity push the church to flourish for Christ in ministries for children, youth, adults, church members and strangers far and near.

Compassionate generosity is not just about the church’s need to receive but about the Christian’s need to give. It is a reflection of our relationship with Christ! Gratitude and generosity are essential qualities of spiritual maturity and growth that are grounded in grace. The faithful practice of giving changes people and churches. They begin to resemble their Lord.

This Commitment Sunday, November 18, we will hear the familiar story found in Luke 17:11-19—-“When Blessings Become Commonplace.”

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor
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November 18, 2018 26th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude........................ Chorale Fantasia on “Lasst uns Erfreuen” ...............Jeff Cranfill
(St. Luke Orchestra; Jim Evans, Conductor)

Welcome and Opening Prayer..............................................................Rev. Robert Beckum

*Hymn.................................. “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” ...............Number 128

***The Affirmation of Faith.................. “The Apostles’ Creed” ............................Number 881
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus
Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the
third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick*** and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic*** church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father).............................................................Number 70
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

**Anthem (11:00 a.m.).................. “It Is Well With My Soul” ..........................Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....................................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard
(11:00 a.m.) Rev. Brett Maddocks

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children’s Sermon..................................
(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Garrard (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks

After the 11:00 a.m. Children’s Sermon, children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to go to
Corner Kids for a time of extended worship. Parents pick them up in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.

*Hymn................................. “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” .........................Number 384

Offertory Prayer...............................................................Rev. Beckum

Offertory (SLO)............................................. “Nicea” ...................................arr. William Himes

“The Dedication of Offerings.................. “The Doxology” ...................................Number 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Written Word.....................................................Luke 17:11-19 (p. 75, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word........ “When Blessings Become Commonplace” ........Rev. Beckum

*Hymn of Invitation........................ “To God Be the Glory” ..............................Number 98

*The Benediction

Postlude (8:30 a.m.).......................... “To God Be the Glory” ..........................Ken Bailey
(11:00 a.m., SLO).......................... “Allegro Deciso, Water Music Suite” .............G.F. Handel
*Standing as able. ** Music Box *** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”

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.
Thank you for blessing us with your presence.
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 18
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. Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9.
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)
3:00 p.m. Tony at Crosby Piano & Organ Concert (Sanctuary)
5-7:00 p.m. St. Luke Academy (Youth Room, MIN)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9.

Monday, November 19 SLS and Preschool Closed
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women’s Bible Study (Meeting Room, MIN)

Tuesday, November 20 SLS and Preschool Closed
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (SD, MIN)

Wednesday, November 21 Church Office closes at Noon
SLS, Preschool, and, Respite Closed

Thursday, November 22 ELC and Church Closed for Thanksgiving
6:00 a.m. Hispanic Sunrise Worship (Chapel)

Friday, November 23 ELC and Church Closed for Thanksgiving
Main (main building, where Sanctuary is)/MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms.

Christmas Eve Schedule
5:00 p.m. Family Service of Holy Communion, Children’s Christmas Pageant (Ministry Center)
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion, Word, and Music, (Sanctuary) The Rev. Robert Beckum, preaching.

WE LOOK FOR THE LIGHT
A Service of Hope
Turner Chapel
4:30 p.m., Sunday, December 16.
This service of peace and consolation will be followed by a reception and is sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry. All are welcome.

NO Wednesday Night Supper this week. Resumes November 28!
During the Thanksgiving season, we are grateful for those who bring meaning to our lives. At St Luke Respite Care, we give thanks to all who share their time, their gifts, and their hearts. This includes volunteers who help serve lunches, spend time with participants, and who lead us in music. It also includes all who support this ministry through gifts and contributions.

We echo Paul’s words, “I always thank God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Corinthians 1:4

**WORSHIP IN SPANISH:** 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching, “Vivimos en el mientras tanto” Marcos 13: 1-8.

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):** 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Jonathan Moore, preaching.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Mark D. Porter by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Porter and family.


**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Pat) Chitwood in the death of his aunt, Mrs. Jane Jones, on November 7, 2018.

**CRADLE ROLL:** Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Sarah Denes) Morris announce the birth of a son, Frank Page Morris III, born November 3, 2018, Greenville, SC. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Gabe (Kay) Denes.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:** Ms. Amanda Cook comes by profession of her faith.

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**St. Luke Academy Fall Study**

Sunday evenings (Ministry Center)

“General Epistles of the New Testament”

(These are the non-Pauline letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, 3 John, and Jude)

The study runs Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m.

Contact Brett Maddocks with for questions and information. Sign up bmaddocks@stlukeum.com or 706-327-4343.
COLUMBUS PRECEPT
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
with Kay Arthur
Thursday, Dec. 6.
11:30 a.m., Trade Center
Cost: $30
RSVP by Nov. 23 to 706.304.9536
www.2018preceptluncheon.eventbrite.com

HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY
Are you looking for a way to share a holiday table? For Thanksgiving, Christmas, or just for Sunday dinner, as a guest or as a host? Use the below link to connect with Malerie Goodman, coordinator of St. Luke’s Holiday ministry. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343.
https://goo.gl/forms/wpkPqms6Z0jq5ELJ2

PRAYER BOOKS AVAILABLE
With the Boldness of Children, a book of the pastoral prayers of Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard, is available free to all St. Luke worshippers.

DECEMBER
FIRST SATURDAY

TOY DONATIONS NEEDED!
The Toy and Book section is in need of new toys, such as: Lego Kits, Action Figures, Baby dolls and Strollers, and Tonka Trucks. Please bring your donation to the red boxes around campus.

ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
Christmas Musical Extravaganza and Lunch
Please joins us on Tuesday, December 4, 2018
11:30 a.m. (LD, MIN)
$12 Plated Meal
Reservations: kym@stlukeum.com or Kym 706-327-4343.
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.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Bobby Ledford by Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Chancellor, III. In memory of Mrs. Wilda Dudley by Ms. Barbara Jo Rivers. Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Bobby Ledford and Mrs. Wilda Dudley by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cartledge. In memory of Mrs. Wilda Dudley by Rev. and Mrs. Fred Foster.

PASSION WITH COLLEGE HOUSE
January 2-4, 2019
Philips Arena, Atlanta, GA
Cost: $235. Sign up at www.collegehouseministries.com

Now that DNOW is over we are excited to announce that Crosswalk is going on our first ever Crosswalk Winter Retreat! All 6th 7th and 8th graders are invited! Snow tubing, ice skating, 100 of your closest middle school friends! Cost is $225 for non-tubers, and $250 for tubers! Visit www.thecornerstudents.com for more information! SIGN UP TODAY!

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St. Luke School, 706-256-1301 • Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703
Ministry Center, 706-256-1017 • Respite Care Ministry, 706-256-3117

THE CORNER
Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukeum.com

THE CORNER REVIVAL
High School
2018

The High School Mountain Retreat
IS DEC. 29 - JAN. 1
Mallory Wood and band are leading worship and Tyler Higgins is speaking! We are skiing, tubing, ice skating, worshiping, playing, drinking a lot of hot chocolate and coffee and pressing in hard to hear the voice of God! We have spots reserved for 100 High Schoolers, so sign up today and let's go to the mountains! Full details on www.thecornerstudents.com