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CONFIRMATION 2019

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

What we believe is important. The writer of the Gospel of John understood this completely. He tells his readers then and now that what we believe and in whom we believe matters a great deal. Our beliefs become the set-of-sails that determine the direction of our lives and our destination.

This Sunday, January 6th, St. Luke’s sixth graders will begin a journey of examining their beliefs and confirming their faith in Jesus Christ. This is an exciting milestone in their lives as well as in the life of St. Luke. During this journey, the confirmands will have opportunities to learn the basics of the Christian faith, the history of the Methodist Church, prayers and rituals that go back to the very foundation of the church (Apostle’s & Nicene Creeds, The Lord’s Prayer, Doxology, Ten Commandments, etc.), and see why all of this is important for them today and into their futures.

Confirmation officially begins today, January 6th at 10:00 AM in the Ministry Center. We will eat breakfast, meet mentors and have a glimpse of the journey of the next several weeks. I am excited to lead this group of confirmands as they examine their beliefs and invite you to join me in praying for our sixth graders, their families, and mentors as they journey together setting their sails in the right direction.

If you have any questions or need information on Confirmation 2019, please contact me.

Brett Maddocks

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Important Confirmation Dates:

January 6th: Confirmation Kick-Off Breakfast (Ministry Center)

February 3: On Campus Day Apart

February 21-24th: Confirmation Retreat (Epworth By the Sea/Savannah)

March 17th: Confirmation Sunday and Lunch

IGNITE RETREAT

St. Luke adults! Join us for a wonderful weekend getaway designed to IGNITE spiritual renewal and foster fellowship, community and personal growth in Christ. January 18-20, 2019 at beautiful Ross Bridge in Birmingham, AL. Register at www.stlukeum.com. Contact Sandra Hollingsworth for more information, 706-587-1770.

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.

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

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

Color: White

Prelude..... “Noel for the Flutes”Claude Daquin

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

*Hymn..... “Angels from the Realms of Glory”Number 220

*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.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Cindy 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.

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

Children’s Sermon.....(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Cindy Garrard (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Brett 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..... “What Child is This”Number 219

Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Beckum

**Offertory Anthem (8:30 a.m.)..... .We Three Kings”John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

(11:00 a.m.)..... “Carol of the Kings”Ruth Schram

*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.....Matt 2:1-12 (p.1, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word... “**A PATTERN OF WORSHIP FOR THE NEW YEAR**”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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

*Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. (All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)*

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

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

*Hymn..... “The First Noel”Number 245

*The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)..... “Sevenfold Amen”Peter Lutkin

Postlude..... “Angels from the Realms of Glory”Improvisation

*Standing as able.

** Music Box

Acolytes (11:00 a.m.): Hannah Grace Mayfield and Grace Walker

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 6

- 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. Confirmation Breakfast (LD, MIN)
Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)/College Small Group (College House)
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)
- 5-7:00 p.m. Crosswalk (Stockwell Hall)/The Corner High School (LD, MIN)
Dee Brestin Women's Study (Respite Care Bldg.)
- 6:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110, Main)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9.

Monday, January 7

- 1:00 p.m. SLS Finance Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
- 3:00 p.m. MCSD Idea Fair (LD, MIN)

Tuesday, January 8

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 9:00 a.m. SLS Spelling Bee (LD, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
Circle 2 (Main)/Circle 3 (Chapel, Main)
- 10:30 a.m. Circle 9 (Room 110, Main)

Wednesday, January 9

- 7:00 a.m. RFTS All Pro Dads (Youth Room, Main)
- 8:35 a.m. SLS 4th-8th Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:10 a.m. SLS K-3rd Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool/ELC Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 11:30 a.m. Kiwanis Luncheon (SD, MIN)
- 1:00 p.m. South GA Conf. Local Arrangements Committee Mtg. (Meeting Rm. MIN)
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Ministry Center)
5th Grade Jr. Girl Scouts (Commons Area)
- 5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (MIN)**
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Main)
Bible Study in Spanish (Room 110, Main)
- 8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)
- 8:20 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

Thursday, January 10

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Turner Chapel)
Exchange Club (SD, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. ELC Parent Association Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)

Friday, January 11

- 4:00 p.m. Stevenson/Hood Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, January 12

- 4:00 p.m. Stevenson/Hood Wedding (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Stevenson/Hood Reception (LD, MIN)

Main (main building, where Sanctuary is)/MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - January 9

Program: F.A.N.N. with Richard Jarboe

Doors open at **5:30 p.m.** The serving line is open until **6:30 p.m.** Please make or cancel reservations by using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before Monday noon.

Menu: Fried Chicken, Hot and Teriyaki Wings, Carrots and Celery Sticks, Green Beans, Rice, Salad and Rolls.

Name: _____

Adults (\$7.00) _____ Children (\$3.00) _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

MUSIC BOX

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

Dear Friends,

The new year would be an excellent time to begin finding your place to serve the church through music. The Music Ministry has a place for you, whether you sing, play an orchestral instrument, or ring bells (or would like to learn how). No matter your age, or which service you attend, please consider this your invitation to join the Music Ministry.

Today's anthem: "Where is the King who was born that night? We have seen the star and we have followed its light, over field and fountain, moor and mountain, following the star. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again. Crown Him King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice, sing alleluia, alleluia rings through the earth and skies! O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light. Where is the King who was born that night?"

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quinones preaching, "La visita de los magos" Mateo 2:1-12.

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 by the Discovery Class.

OUR KNOWN SICK: St. Francis: Barbara Lord, PCN 33. Jerrie Tinkler, PV1 11. **Shepherd Center:** Mickaela Hammer, 273 A.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Paige) Dudley in the death of his mother, Mrs. Freddie Dudley, December 27, 2018, Americus, GA. To Mrs. Mary Bass in the death of her aunt, Mrs. Anne Beasley, December 28, 2018, Claxton, GA.

CRADLE ROLL: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Zachary (Carin) Watts on the birth of a son, Luca Holmes Watts, December 27, 2018. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mitch (Tammy) Watts. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.



CONFIRMATION

If you are a member of St. Luke or have been visiting and interested in your child going through Confirmation, please contact Rev. Brett Maddocks bmaddocks@stlukeum.com.

Confirmation is offered for 6th graders. The **Confirmation**

Kick-off Breakfast is **January 6, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Dining Room of the Ministry Center. For more information about the Confirmation process, the Confirmation Retreat, or anything else, contact Brett at bmaddocks@stlukeum.com or Erin at erin@stlukeum.com.

-Respite Care-

"Caring for loved ones and caregivers."

Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117 or dhett@stlukeum.com

As we enter a New Year, have you considered dedicating more time to serving others? The **St Luke Respite Care Ministry** provides a wonderful opportunity to engage in Christian ministry. You can volunteer four hours a week or as needed, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10 until 2. Please call and schedule a visit to determine if Respite Care is where you can find joy in service.

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 Corner Kidz Room next to the Gymnasium. Parents need to pick up children from upstairs immediately after the service.

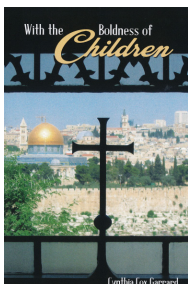
CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted to Stockwell Hall. Please pick up your child in Stockwell Hall after the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held in the main church building. Parent(s) need to drop off their child at the appropriate Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and pick up their child promptly by 10:50 a.m. There will be greeters to help you find your child's Sunday School classroom.

THE FOOD PANTRY IS LOOKING FOR FIVE OR SIX VOLUNTEERS who want to show the love of Christ through servant leadership right here on the St. Luke Church campus. Anyone looking for a way to give back to our church and community is welcome! Retired adults, stay-at-home parents, mission-hearted students: this is a perfect opportunity for you to share and receive the reciprocal joy of Jesus through loving service to others. It requires a heart for the broken, and four hours of your time, just once a month. Please contact Richard Jarboe at jarboer@aol.com for more information.

ST. LUKE JR. K AND KINDERGARTEN SIGN - UPS

St. Luke School opens its doors for 2019-2020 Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten sign-ups at 9:00 a.m., Monday, Jan. 7th. Children who will turn four (Jr-K) and five (K) by 9/1/19 are eligible to apply. Parents should come to the school office and fill out a waiting list card and pay the non-refundable fee of \$25. Sign-ups will continue through the spring, but priorities do not apply after Friday, Jan. 11th. There will be 64 Jr-K and 64 K slots available for 2019-2020. Please see the school website (<http://school.stlukeum.com/>) for more information, or call the school office at 706-256-1301.



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.

ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS January Luncheon featuring East Wind Bluegrass Band



Please join us on
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
11:30 a.m.

St. Luke Ministry Center
Reservations: kym@stlukeum.com
or Kym 706-327-4343.



St. Luke Women's Conference *featuring Morgan Cheek*

Saturday, February 2, 2019

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

St. Luke Ministry Center
(Lunch included)

Online registration at www.stlukeum.com or
call the church office at 706-327-4343

Cost: \$25

Childcare provided by request

Deadline to register is January 22, 2019

Hebrews 13:8 - *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."*

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.

Bill Turner Scholarship Fund: In honor of Mr. Pete Robinson and in memory of Mrs. Julie Mitchell, Mr. Joe Harrell, Rev. Helen Berenthien, and Mr. George McCluskey by Mr. Andy Robinson. In honor of Mr. Pete Robinson by Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson.

Respite Care: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warren by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandon. In honor of Mrs. Peggy Gindville by Ms. Adele Lindsey. In honor of Mrs. Ingrid Griffin by Mr. and Mrs. Brian (Jenny) Koon. In honor of the Respite staff and Advisory Council by Mrs. Annette Pollock. In memory of Mr. John Portwood and Mr. Mark Portwood by Mrs. Sue Portwood. In honor of Mrs. Diane Hett, Mrs. Geraldine King, and Mrs. Norma Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

St. Andrew Society: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roper by Dr. Sandra Hortman.

UMCOR: In honor of Mrs. Mary Bass, Mrs. Mary Williams, and Mrs. Geraldine King by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boers. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams and Daniel, Ms. Ailene Mooney, and Ms. Beth McGee by Mrs. Mary Bass. In honor of Mrs. Mary Lewis Walsh, Mrs. Sybrina Wooten, Mrs. Mary Bass, and Mrs. Carol Boers by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

Meals on Wheels: In honor of Mrs. Peggy Gindville by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craft.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Marie Moshell by Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wright, Jr. In memory of Mr. James L. Fay by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fay.

First Saturday: In honor of the Seekers Sunday School Class by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony.

S.A.W. Fund: In honor of the S.A.W. volunteers by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Hispanic Ministry: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gustavo Chavez by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman.

Naomi's Village: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

Samaritan Fund: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey. In memory of Rev. Gaston Pollock by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tillery and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams by Mrs. Claire Adams Tillery Honan and children. In memory of Mr. Bill Meeks by Ms. Jenna Robinson. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cartledge by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cartledge.


Altar Guild: In memory of Mr. Charles E. Hall, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. Hall by Mrs. Charles E. Hall.

St. Luke School: In honor of Alexa and Luke Clements by Mr. Newton B. Aaron III.

ST. LUKE ACADEMY PRESENTS

The Scripture Way of Salvation:

"The Life and Theology of John Wesley for Today"



We will be looking at the life and theology of one of the most important Christians in history. We will be studying who John Wesley was, what he believed, and how he ignited a movement that literally impacted the world for Christ. If you have ever wanted to know who John Wesley was, what it means to be a Methodist/Wesleyan, and how John Wesley continues to impact St. Luke today then you are invited to attend this class.

Sunday Nights from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. (LD, Ministry Center)

January 13-April 14, 2019

There is no cost. Contact Brett Maddocks, bmaddocks@stlukeum.com, for more information.



THE CORNER

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



*Happy New Year
from Crosswalk and
the Corner youth.*
