REFLECTIONS OF GRATITUDE IN THIS NEW YEAR

You have heard me say it many times, “St. Luke is an amazing congregation, amazingly mission minded and amazingly generous.” Reflecting on year-end figures proved eye opening for me. Our conference apportionments for 2018 were $427,264, the largest, by far, of any congregation in the South Georgia Conference. The total of our congregation’s above-and-beyond budget, second-mile giving for compassionate church outreach and mission was $428,845. Of this second-mile total, St. Luke gave 11% ($48,303) to missions nationally, 45% ($193,267) internationally, and 44% ($187,275) locally to our Columbus community.

There is a third-mile giving by St. Luke members that is more astounding still. It’s not about dollars and cents on an accounting sheet. It is about relationships. It’s about lives impacted in the name of Christ. It’s about lives and circumstances redeemed by the grace of Christ. It’s about our witness for Christ in this community and the world. Please know how grateful I am to be a part of the witness for Christ that is St. Luke.

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE UMC: WEEK FOUR

Reflections as you pray, from the Book of Acts, on the importance of the Church’s witness and mission.

Monday, Feb. 4 Acts 1:6-8 (Christ’s commission to be His witnesses)
Tuesday, Feb. 5 Acts 2:1-4 (The Holy Spirit’s equipping for witness)
Wednesday, Feb. 6 Acts 2:43-47 (Life together as the Church’s witness)
Thursday, Feb. 7 Acts 4:23-31 (The Church prays for boldness in its witness)
Friday, Feb. 8 Acts 6:1-7 (The Church’s witness strengthened through lay ministry)
Saturday, Feb. 9 Acts 9:31 (The Church’s witness grows in the face of persecution)
Sunday, Feb. 10 Acts 12:24 (The Church’s witness expands through mission)
February 3, 2019
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Prelude…………………………………………………“Two Preludes”…………………………Harald Rholig
Welcome and Opening Prayer……………………………………….Rev. Robert Beckum

*Hymn…………………………..“I Come with Joy”…………………………….Number 617

*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.) Bishop James King
(11:00 a.m) Rev. Brett Maddocks

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

Children’s Sermon………………………………………………………Miss Hope Sims
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………………………………“The Gift of Love”………………………………………..Number 408

*Offertory Prayer…………………………………………………………….Rev. Beckum
Offertory Anthem……………………“Can You Drink the Cup?”..............................Craig Courtney

*The Dedication of Offerings………..“The Doxology”…………………..Number 95

The Written Word…………………………….I Corinthians 13 (p.164, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word…………………………….“LOVE’S TABLE”…………………………………..Rev. Robert 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……………………………………………“Here I Am, Lord”…………………………………Number 593

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)……..“Sevenfold Amen”…………………………Peter Lutkin
Postlude………………………………………………..“Dove of Peace”…………………………………Improvisation

*Standing as able. ** Music Box *** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”

Acolytes (11:00 a.m.): Sara Cartwright and Trinity McAfee
OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, February 3
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)
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)
5:00 p.m. St. Luke Academy (LD, MIN)
5-7:00 p.m. Crosswalk (Stockwell Hall)/The Corner High School (LD, MIN)
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, February 4
6:00 p.m. Chick fil A/Daughter Dance (LD, MIN)

Tuesday, February 5
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (SD, MIN)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

Wednesday, February 6
7:00 a.m. All Pro Dad (LD, MIN)
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 (LD, MIN)
12 Noon Our House/Carpenters Way Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
3:00 p.m. Children’s Choir (Ministry Center)
5th Grade Jr. Girl Scouts (Church Commons Area)
5:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
The Talk (SD, MIN)
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.)
8:10 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

Thursday, February 7
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
5:00 p.m. GA Thespians Conference (MIN)

Friday, February 8
8:00 a.m. GA Thespians Conference (MIN)

Saturday, February 9
8:00 a.m. GA Thespians Conference (MIN)

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

MEET KEITH SIMS: Keith Sims joins MercyMed as the Community Health Farmer after a year apprenticing at Jenny Jack Sun Farms, an organic fruit and vegetable farm in Pine Mountain, GA. Previously working at MercyMed as a medical assistant, he quickly realized his passion for helping people take ownership of their health through nutrition and wanted to connect MercyMed patients to healthy, affordable food. Be sure to come hear Keith at Wednesday Fellowship supper Feb. 6th.

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WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - February 6
Program: Keith Sims speaking about Mercy Med’s new project: Farming
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, Pork Loin with Apricot Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Salad and Rolls.

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Adults ($7.00) ____ Children ($3.00) ____ Daytime Phone: ____________________________

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Dear Friends,

There is a place for you and your family in the Music Ministry. Whether you sing, play orchestral instruments, or your children do, please consider finding a place to add your voice to the Music Ministry.

Please mark your calendars for the following: February 28, 7:00 p.m. Ft. Benning Army Band Concert in the Sanctuary; March 31, 4:00 p.m., St Luke Chamber Players, Mozart Gran Partita in the Sanctuary; May 10, 7:00 p.m., Keyboards for Kenya in the Ministry Center; October 13, 4:00 p.m., Great Afternoon of Methodist Singing in the Sanctuary.

Today’s anthem: “Can you drink the cup, embrace it in your hands? Can you look inside and face what it demands? In the wine you see reflections of your soul. No one else can drink the cup that you must hold. Can you drink the cup? Then you must lift it high though this cup of joy holds pain and sacrifice. When you lift your cup, raise it unafraid. Lift it up, this cup of life, and celebrate. Can you drink the cup until there is no more? When the wine is gone, Christ Himself will pour. Thou you drink it all, the cup is never dry. God keeps filling it with everlasting life.”

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching.

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 Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hart.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: February 17 and 24, March 3, 10, 24 and 31. Please contact Maggie Robertson at maggie@stlukeum.com to reserve a date.

OUR KNOWN SICK: St. Francis: Soraya Fravel, 245, Franke Adams, 433.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Veronica) Corradino and Mr. and Mrs. Phil (Marie Corradino) Hand and family in the death of Mike and Marie’s mother, Mrs. Vicki Corradino, January 26, 2019, Columbus, GA.
To Tim and Julie Kennedy and family in the death of Julie’s mother, Mary Jane Coley, January 28, 2019, in Tifton, GA.

IN MEMORIAM
Mr. Robert Duane Kemp
January 28, 2019

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Sarah) Romeo, Jr. announce the birth of a son, Marshall Tomblin Romeo, born January 10, 2019, Columbus, GA.
Grandparents are Mr. Frank Romeo and the late Mrs. Rhonda Romeo.
Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Whitney) Neal, Jr. announce the birth of a son, Andrew Heidt Neal, January 23, 2019, Memphis, TN. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Helen) Neal.
Rosebuds have been placed in the chancel area in their honor.

NEW MEMBERS: Glenn and Pat Myhand. They come by transfer from another UMC.

ST. LUKE ACADEMY PRESENTS
The Scripture Way of Salvation: “The Life and Theology of John Wesley for Today”
We are looking at the life and theology of one of the most important christians in history. We are 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.
ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
February Luncheon featuring Georgia Aquarium and World of Coca-Cola
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Meet at church at 8 a.m.
Cost $70
Reservation due by Feb. 19th
Reservations: kym@stlukeum.com or Kym 706-327-4343.

C ORNER K IDZ (9:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted upstairs to the Corner Kidz Room beside the Gymnasium. Parents need to pick up children from upstairs immediately after the service.
C ORNER K IDZ (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. Our greeters will help you and your child find their Sunday School classroom.

ST. LUKE PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT for school year 2019-2020 has begun! Our half-day program operates from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. each day, on a school calendar, August through May. We serve children ages three months to four years old. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the Preschool at 706-327-4343.

HOSPITALITY TEAM If you enjoy making people feel welcome, greeting guests, and sharing the love of Christ through a smile and a warm “hello,” then we’d love to have you join the St. Luke Hospitality Team. There are many ways to connect with and serve others through this ministry including greeters, ushers, and even parking attendants. If interested, please contact Brett Maddocks at bmaddocks@stlukeum.com. Please note the date change and plan to join us for our Hospitality Luncheon on Sunday, March 3, at noon, in the large dining room.

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DEE BRESTIN - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019

“Who better to write about loving Jesus than Dee Brestin with a passion to teach God’s word?” – Max Lucado (Pastor and Best Selling Author)

Dee Brestin was our speaker at the 2018 Women's Conference last February. She inspired all in attendance to grow in their relationship with God. We had two groups of women who studied Dee’s book, “Idol Lies,” last spring and fall. Dee has written a new book entitled “The Jesus Who Surprises – Opening Our Eyes to His Presence in All of Life and Scripture” which will be published later this year. She will be in Columbus the week of February 10th to film the video sessions to accompany this book. We will be privileged to have Dee speak to our congregation on Wednesday, Feb. 13th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. I hope you will make plans to be present as Dee speaks on “the God of All Comfort.”
EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER…Every Wednesday night at JandL’s house we are walking through Henry Blackaby’s, Experiencing God! We are experiencing a house full of students who are passionate about their faith and excited about growing closer to Jesus! We meet from 7:30-9 P.M. to accommodate busy spring schedules and it is awesome! We get a few trays of Zaxby’s or Chick fil a and dive deep into God’s Word! Please continue to pray for God’s hand to be on what we doing!

SIGN UP FOR SOULED OUT SUMMER TODAY AT www.thecornerstudents.com

Souled Out Summer is our summer beach camp and it is June 3-7! For more information about Souled Out please visit the student ministry website.

Synthesis Sign Ups: Upcoming 9-12th graders, apply today to be a part of our 2019/2020 leadership team! Our retreat is in August just before school starts back and it is incredible! We have so many great leaders at St. Luke and God is using them in big ways on this campus and in this city! This is the group within the group! If you want to lead…we want to equip you to do so! Remember, God isn’t just looking for our ABILITY, He is also looking for our AVAILABILITY! Please be in prayer also for our Mexico Mission Trip to Ensenada, Mexico. We will be there from July 7- July 13! We are trying to raise a lot of money and have many fund raisers coming up! Thank you for supporting our students as they get ready share the gospel and build a home for a needy family in Mexico!

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**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.

**Meals on Wheels:** In memory of Mrs. Sara Stewart by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mobley.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Col. (Ret.) Robert E. Nelson by the Seekers Class.

**Respite Care:** In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

-Respite Care-

“Caring for loved ones and caregivers.”

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

As we learn more about dementia and how it affects memory, a positive note is that people often remember the words to familiar songs, even when most memories have been forgotten.

Each day at Respite Care, we enjoy singing favorite hymns and songs from the past. Everyone participates, and it’s a highlight of the day.

We are grateful to St Luke volunteers who accompany us week after week. Thank you Nancy and Doyle Register, Carm Myers, Carol Boers, and Ken Bailey. Your commitment to the Respite Care Ministry means a great deal.

**Important Confirmation Dates:**

- **February 3:** On Campus Day Apart
- **February 21-24th:** Confirmation Retreat (Epworth By the Sea/Savannah)
- **March 17th:** Confirmation Sunday and Lunch

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