St. Luke Disaster Response

We are thankful to have Chuck Bolton coordinating St. Luke’s disaster response to recent tornadoes that devastated the lives of so many. In the last week 55 members have volunteered to serve on work teams, and St. Luke has given $4,565 specifically for relief efforts. This week, St. Luke deployed six work teams from Sunday through Friday, with two teams on Monday. These teams worked in Lee County, AL; Harris County and Talbotton. Thanks to the great work of Jimmy Barker and Chuck Bolton, we have organized teams for safety and effectiveness. Thanks to your generosity, we are in the process of acquiring tools to equip each team for the work of disaster relief. In days ahead, Chuck will continue to be in touch with those who have indicated a willingness to serve with opportunities to engage this work of compassion.

Jimmy Barker reported from our Sunday afternoon team working in Lee County near the community of Marvyn:

“It was powerful to see the strength of Mother Nature, but it was even more powerful to see the strength of servants serving their neighbors in the name of Jesus. It is easy to forget that we were put on this earth to serve others with our time and talents and how much joy this service can bring to all involved no matter what the challenges may be.”

There is still so much to be done and so many servant testimonies to be shared. You can sign up to serve on the home page of the St. Luke website, or you may call Maggie Roberson at the church office (706-327-4343). You can also provide compassionate relief by your gifts. Simply make your gift to St. Luke UMC marked for “tornado relief.”

Thank you for the St. Luke spirit of generosity and compassion that seems to be inexhaustible in the face of need. To God be the glory.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor
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Please Note:
In the week ahead, March 25-29, St. Luke School and St. Preschool will be closed for Spring Break. The St. Luke Church office, Respite Care and the St. Early Learning Center will all operate with their usual hours.
March 24, 2019                                                                                     Third Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude (Handbell Choir)................................. “Ah, Holy Jesus” ................................Brenda Austin
Welcome and Opening Prayer..............................................................Rev. Robert Beckum

*Hymn.................................................................. “Amazing Grace”...........................................Number 378

*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.)............................. “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow” .......... Lloyd Larson

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.

Choral Prayer Response (11:00 a.m.)............. “Dresden Amen” .................................Johann Naumann

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................................................……. “There Is a Balm in Gilead” ..............................Number 375

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

Offertory (Handbell Choir) .............................. “Beautiful Savior” .........................arr. Matthew Compton

*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.


*Hymn................................................……. “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” ..............................Number 357

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.) ......... “Sixfold Amen” .............................Marc Boensel

Postlude (Ken Bailey)..................................................“Beautiful Savior” ..............................Improvisation

* Standing as able.                                      ** Music Box                                      *** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March 24**
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)
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. St. Luke Academy (LD, MIN)
6:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Gleaners Rm., Main)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9.

**Monday, March 25**
12 Noon Caregiver Support Group (1021 Third Ave.)

**Tuesday, March 26**
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (SD, MIN)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:30 a.m. Lions Club (SD, MIN)

**Wednesday, March 27**
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:30 a.m. Kiwanis Luncheon (LD, MIN)
5:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal (Hand Bell Room)
**5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (MIN)**
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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, March 28**
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:30 a.m. Exchange Club (LD, MIN)
7:00 p.m. Army Band Chamber Music Concert (Sanctuary)

**Friday, March 29**
5:00 p.m. Embassy Coalition Annual Conference (LD, MIN)

**Saturday, March 30**
8:00 a.m. Embassy Coalition Annual Conference (LD, MIN)

**Sunday, March 31**
4:00 p.m. St. Luke Chamber Players Concert (Sanctuary, Main)
Main (Church Sanctuary), MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

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**WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO FORGIVE**
March 27 and April 6
Rev. John McWilliams

Without a doubt, forgiveness is at the very center of the Gospel. It’s what the Cross is all about. Yet, if we’re honest, forgiving others like Scripture demands can sometimes be a very difficult thing to do. If you have ever had difficulty forgiving someone, these next three Wednesday night programs are for you. You will learn what Biblical forgiveness really is and how to apply it in your life. This series will be extremely practical and will provide tools and illustrations that can change your life. Please join us.

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**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - March 27**
Program: Rev. John McWilliams (Forgiveness II)
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The serving line is open until 6:30 p.m. Please make or cancel reservations using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before noon on Monday.

Name:

Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) _______ Daytime Phone: _____________________________

Email: ___________________________________________________________________________

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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 your place in the Music Ministry. Serving the church through music helps preach the gospel and reach the lost.

Please mark your calendars for the following benefit concerts:
- March 31, 4 p.m., St Luke Chamber Players, Mozart’s Gran Partita, Sanctuary, Music Fund Benefit Concert
- May 10, 7 p.m., Keyboards for Kenya, Ministry Center, Naomi’s Village Benefit Concert

Today’s Anthem: “Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land. Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns our guiding light; pilgrim, clasp the hand of pilgrim, and step fearless through the night. See the light of God’s pure presence on the ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening this dark path we tread. One the object of our journey; one the faith which never tires; one the song we sing together; one the hope our God inspires. Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward, with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its battle till we rest beneath its shade. Soon shall come the great awakening; soon the rending of the tomb! Soon the scattering of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.”

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching, “El amor se antepone a la lógica” Lucas 13: 1-9.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown by the Discovery Class.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: March 31 and July 21. Please contact Maggie Roberson at maggie@stlukeum.com to reserve a date.


CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Ms. Nancy Haines in the death of her grandson, Mr. Mark Mathis, March 17, 2019, Columbus, GA. To Mr. Hudson Carney and Mr. Hugh Carney in the death of their father, Mr. Hugh C. Carney, Jr., March 15, 2019, Columbus, GA. To Mr. and Mrs. Bo (Liz) Taber in the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Joan Cheeves, March 13, 2019.

**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!
ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS MARCH EVENT

Let's take a trip to the Columbus Museum!

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 (Meet at Museum at 10:30 a.m.)
Cost $10 (includes lunch)
Reservations by March 19, Kym 706-327-4343, kym@stlukeum.com

CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th grade students. Children will be escorted upstairs to the Corner Kidz Room beside the gymnasium. Parents need to drop off their child at 10:00 a.m., and pick up their child promptly by 10:50 a.m., as many of our teachers attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th grade students. 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. Our greeters will help you and your child find their Sunday School class. Parents need to drop off their child at 10:00 a.m., and pick up their child promptly by 10:50 a.m., as many of our teachers attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

EXTREME KIDZ is having our competition night on April 7th! We will have capture the flag, a dance competition and KICKBALL! Festivities are from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center! Bring $4.00 for dinner.

11 DAY EASTERN EUROPE & OBERAMMERGAU
Passion Play 2020
June 13 – 24
Material is now available.
Contact Kym, 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2 • ST. LUKE TURNER CHAPEL
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Please sign up for a 30 minute slot by contacting Kym Harden at 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com. St. Luke staff will be present in the chapel throughout the day as prayer resources and will be happy to pray with you or for you. There will also be printed material available. If you would like to submit a prayer request for the National Day of Prayer, please email maggie@stlukeum.com.

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St. Luke Summer 2019
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Camps for children ages 3 - 14 will be held on the St. Luke Campus during the weeks of:
June 10-14 and June 17-21
For a complete listing of camps click: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0DJC2jD0
To register your child for St. Luke Summer: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0DJC2jD0
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.
**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mrs. Mecca Wiley by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall.
**UMCOR:** In honor of Mrs. Mary Bass and Mrs. Mary Williams by Mrs. Annette Pollock.
**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mr. Erling Pedersen by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.
**Open Door Classic:** In honor of Mrs. Nancy Powell by Mrs. Annette Pollock.
**Youth Mexico Mission Trip:** In memory of Mrs. Erin Knight by the St. Luke Ministry Center Staff.

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

Caregiver Support Group meets Monday, March 25, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in the Respite Care Building, 1021 Third Avenue
Each month a wonderful group of caregivers come together to share their joys, frustrations, and challenges in a safe, caring environment. Family members and friends share their stories of caring for loved ones and experience the concern of others who can honestly say “We understand”. The group is open to the community.

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NO STUDENT SERVICES TONIGHT, MARCH 24TH. HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

SENIOR MOMENT
ATTENTION ALL SENIORS AT THE CORNER AND ST. LUKE! We want to celebrate this milestone event with you on May 5th! Check this out:
*Please VISIT AND CLICK this link www.123formbuilder.com/form-4656996 and fill out our Senior Recognition Form! We will have a breakfast for you, your mom and dad and your siblings on May 5th at 9:30 A.M. in Stockwell Hall! Fill out this form!
*We have a special gift for each of you and we will present it to you that morning! Fill out this form!
*This breakfast is for Church Members and Non (official) Church Members. If you are a vital part of The Corner but not an official member of St. Luke we STILL CONSIDER YOU FAMILY and wish to honor you on Senior Sunday! Fill out this form!
*After breakfast we will all get in our Caps and Gowns and take a picture on the front steps of St. Luke’s Traditional Sanctuary! This will be something you will cherish for the rest of your life! Fill out this form!
*You will be an integral part of our 11 A.M. service on May 5th! Many will speak/sing/pray, etc. Let us honor you and celebrate you on this special day! Fill out this form!
*Your life is a blessing to St. Luke and so many. We would consider it the HIGHEST HONOR to have the opportunity to honor your accomplishments on this Special Senior Sunday! Fill out this form!
***Also, for those wishing to apply for the Bill Turner Servant Leadership Scholarship, the form for this is on the same page. Good luck! Looking forward to a great time of celebration with our first class to be with Lisa and me from 6th Grade to Senior Graduation! www.thecornerstudents.com/resources

*CORNER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND CROSSWALK STUDENTS SIGN UP FOR SOULED OUT SUMMER IN PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL. TODAY ON THE WEBSITE!*