Mother’s Day Sunday is a mixed day for a worshipping community. It is certainly a time for celebrating the goodness of family life and the unique power of a mother’s love. Many will delight to be with their mothers and their children in worship and experience the goodness of shared love. Some will rejoice celebrating their first Mother’s Day as a mother. Others will be observing their first Mother’s Day without their mother and will feel deeply the wound of absence. For still others, powerful memories, both joyful and sad, will wash over them like the waves of an incoming tide. Some have had painfully complicated relationships with their mothers and dread the sentimental exuberance of the day feeling very disconnected from the joy of it all. Women who have no children often feel left out of a celebration meant for other women.

The beauty of divine grace is that there is room for all of us and all of our experiences in the heart of God. As we gather for worship, we know that God calls us to rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, comfort those who grieve and extend hope to those struggling to make sense out of their life’s journey. Wherever you are in your life’s journey, I hope you will know the blessing of God’s great love for you in Christ Jesus as we gather for worship this Mother’s Day Sunday.

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Lindsey Brown

Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Brown and Miss Lindsey Brown, recipients of the 2019 Bill Turner Youth Scholarship in last week’s Senior Recognition Service. Elizabeth and Lindsey have distinguished themselves in St. Luke’s Student Ministries and at Northside High School. They will both begin writing new chapters of their educational story at The University of North Georgia in the fall.
May 12, 2019  
Mother’s Day  

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

Prelude............................................. “Festival Toccata” .........................Percy Fletcher  
Welcome and Opening Prayer...............................................................Rev. Robert Beckum  
*Hymn......................................“Come, We That Love the Lord” .......................Number 732  
*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.  

New Baby Recognition (11:00 a.m.)...............................................................Miss Hope Sims  
Anthem (Shana Monteith, Solo).............. “Masterpiece” ...............Henderson/Patty/Gaither  
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.............................................Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard  
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  

The Written Word....................................................Acts 16:11-15 (p. 127, NT in pew Bible)  
The Spoken Word............. “LYDIA: MOTHER OF THE FAITHFUL” ..............Rev. Beckum  
*Hymn.............................................. “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” ...............Number 304  
*The Benediction  
Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)....... “Sevenfold Amen” ...............John Rutter  
Postlude.............................................. “Come We That Love the Lord” ...............Improvisation  

**Standing as able. **See Music Box ** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal,” or the global Church  
Acolytes: Jake Albright and Chase Townsend
**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, May 12**
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)  
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

**Wednesday, May 15**
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)  
10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Orientation (LD, MIN)  
10:45 a.m. Preschool Graduation Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Main)  
11:00 a.m. JrK End of Year Program/Luncheon (LD, MIN)  
3:00 p.m. Children’s Choir (MIN)  
5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (MIN)  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting (Stockwell Hall)  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
Hispanic Bible Study (Room 110, Main)  
8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)  
8:10 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

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**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - May 15**
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.

**Menu:** Fried chicken, BBQ ribs, butter beans, macaroni and cheese, salad, assorted desserts and rolls.

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

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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!

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching “El final de la historia”; Apocalipsis 7: 9-17.


ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: September 1 and 29. Please contact Maggie Roberson at maggie@stlukeum.com to reserve a date.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Dana (Leigh Anne) Nix in the death of his mother, Mrs. Jacqueline Nix, May 2, 2019, Columbus, GA. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeff (Faye) Thompson in the death of their niece, Mrs. Emily Spencer, May 7, 2019, Braselton, Georgia. Faye is an employee of St. Luke.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Mr. Daniel Mendoza and Mr. Gilberto Mendoza come by profession of faith.

CELEBRATION TO HONOR HOPE SIMS

Join us for a special celebration to honor Hope Sims and her time as the Director of Children’s Ministry and to wish her well in her future endeavors.

A reception will be held in Stockwell Hall during the Sunday School hour on May 19th. Let’s celebrate Hope for the time she has served St. Luke and for what she has given to the children we care for.

She will be missed!

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Annual Conference Session 2019
A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS DURING SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE: JUNE 2-5

Greeters, parking lot attendants, and information hosts are needed! Please contact Susan Lawhorne, sclawhorne@gmail.com, Doris Reid, dorisreid@gmail.com, or Kym at the church office (706-327-4343) to sign-up for a morning, afternoon or evening shift on one or more of these days. On Monday, June 3, several events will be at St. Luke, and we need many hands on deck that day.

RELAY FOR LIFE of Muscogee County is Friday, May 17th! Please join and/or donate to the St. Luke Lions team today. Everyone (students, parents, teachers, staff, and families of the school, ELC, preschool and church) is encouraged to join and/or donate to the St. Luke Relay for Life Team. To sign up to support and/or be a part of the St. Luke Lions or to dedicate a luminaria go to relay.acsevents.org and look for the Muscogee County event on May 17th, register and look for our team: St. Luke Lions. The event will be held at Kinnett Stadium. We are excited about our campus-wide team and family event in support of a great community organization!
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.

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**Respite Care**

“Caring for loved ones and caregivers”

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

The Respite Care Ministry volunteers were honored with an appreciation luncheon recently. As part of our program, the caregivers of our Respite participants have the opportunity to write notes of thanks to the volunteers. The notes are heartfelt and communicate how much the ministry means to them and their loved ones. These words are from one of the notes -

"Alzheimer’s has taken away so much from us as a couple as well as the loss for my husband. Many people distance themselves from us at this time in our lives—yet you come forward to help and support us. Thank you so very much. Knowing my husband is in a safe, loving environment gives assurance and peace to me. May God bless each of you."

Thank you to our St Luke family for your support.

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**Celebrating 20 Years of Souled Out Summer**

June 3 - June 7, 2023

Each Sunday Night Crosswalk and the Corner High School meet from 5-7 p.m.

**Sign ups are going great!** Spots are filling up fast! Come to the beach with us to Souled Out Summer for the BEST WEEK OF YOUR LIFE! God is so good and faithful! Middle and High School are going to Souled Out Summer from June 3 - June 7! Come be a part of the GREATEST GROUP OF STUDENTS ON THE PLANET! Sign up at www.thecornerstudents.com.

**Crosswalk and The Corner High School Summer Interns** have been selected and begin their summer ministry at Souled Out Summer! They are pumped to meet you and spend THE BEST SUMMER EVER with you!