St. Luke
United Methodist Church

God and Country
Celebration

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CORNER KIDZ: Due to the God and Country Celebration today Corner Kidz will not meet. Our regular schedule resumes next Sunday.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY: During the month of July, Children's Sunday School will meet upstairs in the Ministry Center (in the Corner Kidz room and gymnasium area). Parents, please pick up your children promptly by 10:50 a.m.

IF YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN, we need volunteers for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 15-19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are various volunteer positions that need to be filled: teachers, crew leaders (guides), assistants and registration. Please contact Children's Ministry at twilliams@stlukeum.com.

DEADLINE FOR VBS REGISTRATION: Monday, July 8th. Please register your child(ren) by that date so that we can adequately prepare for a fun week for all our children!

OUR CLERGY STAFF

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HANDICAPPED PARKING The Ministry Center parking lot and the parking lot between St. Luke and First Baptist are reserved on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for those with handicapped stickers and for senior adults. Please help us reserve these spots for these friends!
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, June 30
10:30 a.m. Combined God and Country Celebration (Ministry Center)
   Worship Service broadcast over WLTZ 103.7 Lite FM and at staintlukecolumbus.org at 10:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m. Sunday Dinner with the St. Luke Family
5-8:00 p.m. Crosswalk Pool Party and Corner Youth Pool Party

Monday, July 1
1:00 p.m. St. Luke Youth (Gym)
7:30 p.m. College Bible Study (College House)

Tuesday, July 2
10:00 a.m. RESPITE CARE CLOSED (1021 Third Ave.)
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

Wednesday, July 3
10:00 a.m. RESPITE CARE CLOSED (1021 Third Ave.)
8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)

Thursday, July 4
Church office and Campus closed for Independence Day
10:00 a.m. RESPITE CARE CLOSED (1021 Third Ave.)

Friday, July 5
Church office Closed

Saturday, July 6
10:30 a.m. First Saturday (Stockwell Hall)
Main (main building, where Sanctuary) MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE (MINISTRY CENTER) The beautiful flowers in the worship center are given to the glory of God and in honor of our military service personnel by the Discovery Class.

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 Brett Maddocks or any of the pastors at 706-327-4343 or bmaddocks@stlukeum.com. Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

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 it to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com for more information.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In honor of Dr. Luther Smith by Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson.
Mexico Youth Mission Trip: In honor of Miss Elizabeth Spencer DiQuattro by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

-Respite Care-
“Caring for loved ones and caregivers.”
Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117
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The following tips contribute to good brain health
• Exercising at least three to five times a week
• Hobbies like puzzles, games or other mental stimulation
• Eating a Mediterranean Diet
• Sleeping six or more hours per night
• Connecting with family & friends, socialize regularly
Welcome .............................................................................The Rev. Robert Beckum

The Prelude .............................................. “Patriotic Medley” ............ arr. Bailey/Boensel

Overture (Rojay Evans, Director) ... “Fanfare for the Common Man”.....Aaron Copland (Brass Ensemble)

A Reading from the Declaration of Independence .........................Mr. Mitch Watts

*Presentation of Colors .............. Russell County Sheriff’s Department Honor Guard

*Pledge to the Christian Flag: I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one fellowship, uniting all Christians in service and in love.

*Pledge to the American Flag: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*The National Anthem ............................................Francis Scott Key/Anonymous

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

*Posting of the Colors

*Hymn .............................................. “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” .............AMERICA

My country, tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom’s song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

**Anthem .............................................. “Armed Forces Salute” ..............arr. Joyce Eilers

Veterans and active duty service personnel, please stand while your branch of service is being honored. See the Music Box on page 3 for lyrics.

“The Caisson Song” (Army)
“Semper Paratus” (Coast Guard)
“The Marines’ Hymn” (Marines)
“The U.S. Air Force” (Air Force)
“Anchors Aweigh” (Navy)

A Prayer for All Military Personnel and Their Families......................Mr. Oscar Tuff
II Chronicles 7:14 ...........................................................The Rev. José Resto
If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

*Affirmation of Faith
We believe that God created the earth, and that everything in it belongs to him
We believe that he has given us this nation, and blessed us with freedom and with plenty.
We believe that freedom and plenty carry certain responsibilities: that we are to love justice and mercy, and walk humbly with our God; that we are to share our gifts with those who have less, both in this nation and in other nations; and that we are to live with gratitude, thanking God daily for his divine favor.
We believe, therefore, that we cannot fully celebrate our independence without remembering at the same time our dependence upon God and exalting his name among the nations. There is no power like God’s. Glory to God! Amen.

Hymn ....................................... “This Is My Song” .........................FINLANDIA
This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My Country’s skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

*Offertory Hymn................... “America the Beautiful” .............................S.A. Ward
O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.
*Offertory Prayer ...............................................................The Rev. Maddocks

Offertory Anthem (Chancel Choir).... “A Prayer for Our Time” ............Joseph Martin
Lyrics: “Our God, to Thee we pray. Heal our nation, Lord, today. God of mercy, grant us courage. Give us peace. When evil draws its angry sword and seeks to sever freedom’s cord, when death and darkness shake our faith in God’s unfailing power to save, eternal Father, ever be our courage in the time of need. When war is waged by faceless foes who battle peace with fiery blows, when storms of hate and fear assail, our Father’s mighty arm prevails, eternal Father, ever be our refuge in the time of need. There is no tyrant who can stand against our sure defender’s hand, no threat or danger can defeat the strong and righteous Prince of Peace. Eternal Father ever be our fortress in the time of need. Amen.”

The Written Word/Spoken Word .......................................The Rev. Robert Beckum

*The Hymn of Dedication............... “God Bless America”.....................Irving Berlin
God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

*The Benediction/Table Blessing ................................................The Rev. Beckum

Postlude ...................... “Stars and Stripes Forever”....................John Philip Sousa
(Choral Ensemble, Rojay Evans, Director)

*Standing as able ** See Music Box

Please follow the directions given by the pastor and join us immediately after this service for lunch in this room!

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OUR PHONE NUMBERS
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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

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Music Box
“Armed Forces Salute” arr. Joyce Eilers

** Army ** Over hill, over dale, we have hit the dusty trail. And those Caissons go rolling along. Counter march, right about, hear those wagon soldiers shout, while those Caissons go rolling along. For it’s Hi! Hi! Hee! In the Field Artillery. Call off your numbers loud and strong. And where’er we go, you will always know that those Caissons are rolling along.

** Coast Guard ** We’re always ready for the call, we place our trust in Thee. Through surf and storm and howling gale, high shall our purpose be. Semper Paratus is our guide, our fame and glory, too. To fight, to save, or fight and die. Aye! Coast Guard, we’re all for you!

** Marines ** From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli we fight our country’s battles, in the air, on land and sea. First we’ll fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean. We are proud to claim the title of “United States Marine.”

** Air Force ** Off we go into the wild blue yonder, climbing high into the sun; here they come, zooming to meet our thunder, at ‘em boys, give ‘er the gun. Down we dive, spouting our flame from under, off with one terrible roar! We live in fame or go down in flame! Nothing can stop the U. S. Air Force.

** Navy ** Anchors aweigh, my boys, anchors aweigh. Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day, day, day, day. Through our last night on shore, hail to the foam until we meet once more, here’s wishing you a happy voyage home.