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CONFIRMATION 2020

“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-sails that determine the direction of our lives and our destination.

On Sunday, January 12th, 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 their futures.

Confirmation is January 12th 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 2020, please contact me.

Brett Maddocks

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Important Confirmation Dates:

January 12th: Confirmation Kick-Off Breakfast (Ministry Center)

February 2nd: On Campus Day Apart

March 12-15th: Confirmation Retreat (Epworth By the Sea/Savannah)

March 22nd: Confirmation Sunday and Dinner

IGNITE RETREAT

St. Luke adults! Join us for a wonderful weekend getaway designed to grow your marriage, IGNITE spiritual renewal, foster fellowship, community and personal growth in Christ. January 17-19, 2020, at beautiful Ross Bridge Resort in Birmingham, AL. Register by December 31 at www.saintlukecolumbus.org. 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 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

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

Color: White

Prelude in C major (*Trinity McAfee, pianist*).....J.S. Bach

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

*Hymn..... "We Three Kings"Number 254

*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

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..... "Danish Amen"anon.

Children's Sermon

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 First Noel"Number 245

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem (*Chancel Choir*)..... "Love Came Down at Christmas"Austin Lovelace

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

The Spoken Word..... "**A JOURNEY NOT A TRIP**"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..... "Go Tell It On The Mountain"Number 251

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.).... "Love Came Down at Christmas"John Purifoy

Postlude..... "Sing We Now of Christmas"Improvisation

**Standing as able*

*** *quick* means "living"; *catholic* means "universal"

Acolytes (11:00 a.m.): Trinity McAfee and Kate Deal

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 5

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (LD, 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)
- 5:00 p.m. St. Luke Academy (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine Worship Service, WTVM Channel 9

Tuesday, January 7

- 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.)
- 11:30 a.m. Lions Club (SD, MIN)
- 3:30 p.m. SLS Basketball Alumni Game/Family Night (Gym, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study (Room 110, Main)

Wednesday, January 8

- 7:15 a.m. All Pro Dads (Youth Room, MIN)
- 8:45 a.m. School Wide Chapel Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 4:30 p.m. College House Wednesday Small Groups (College House)
- 5:00 p.m. Hand Bells (Hand Bell Room, Main)
- 5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Main)
- 8:00 p.m. College House (College House)

Thursday, January 9

- 9:00 a.m. SLS Tailgate Lunch (LD, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 3:15 p.m. SLS Wrestling Match (Wrestling Room, MIN)
- 3:30 p.m. SLS Faculty and Staff Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)

Friday, January 10

- 3:15 p.m. Basketball Game - SLS/Glenwood (Gym, MIN)
Middle School Homecoming/ Sports Dance

Main (Church Building/Sanctuary), MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - January 8

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, stuffed cabbage, corn, rice, salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

Name: _____

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

Email: _____

MUSIC BOX

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

The Music Scholarship Fund assists six students from the Schwob School of Music with expenses related to their study of music. All of these students sing in our Chancel Choir at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and are a vital part of the Music Ministry. Please consider supporting the Music Scholarship Fund so that St. Luke can continue to assist these students with their music education. Donations can be placed in the offering and marked 'Music Scholarship'.

The Music Ministry welcomes new vocal and instrumental members throughout the year. No auditions are required. Please contact Marc Boensel at the e-mail address above or at 706-256-2682.

Announcing the new **Masterwork Chorale!** Members of the Masterwork Chorale will rehearse for 6 weeks on the special music that the Chancel Choir will present on Good Friday, and join the choir for this event. Rehearsals will take place after church on Sunday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. beginning in late February. For more information, contact Marc Boensel.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in chapel, Rev. Dr. José Resto, Palabra Hablada: "Sus tesoros fueron: Oro, incienso y mirra". Palabra Escrita: Mateo 2:11

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.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: Please contact Maggie Roberson at maggie@stlukeum.com to reserve available dates, January 19, 26, February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 22, and 29.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Northside (Hughston): Bill Montgomery, 256, Steve Ellis, 260. **St. Francis:** Jim Dickinson, PCN 38.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Jimmy Ellis Thompson
December 21, 2019

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.

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!
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.cornerkidz.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) after the welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held in the main church building. Our greeters will help you and your child find their Sunday School class. Parents may 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 after the children's sermon. Please pick up your child in Stockwell Hall after the service.



COLLEGE HOUSE MINISTRIES

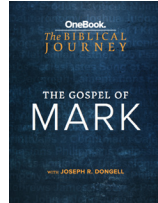
St. Luke College Ministry
(Ages 18-25)

Lisa Williams,

Director of College Ministry
lwilliams@stlukeum.com

Website

www.collegehouseministries.com



ST. LUKE ACADEMY PRESENTS

The Gospel of
Mark

A Biblical Journey

Resumes Jan. 12th, Sunday Nights,
5-7 PM (LD MIN)

Contact Rev. Brett Maddocks
bmaddocks@stlukeum.com
for more information.

STAYING UPDATED: Please remember to call the church office and let us know when you have a change of address, phone, or email, etc. We also love to hear about births, marriages, etc. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date!

The **S.A.W. (Servants At Work) Ministry** is looking for twin and double beds, chests of drawers and household furniture you may want to donate. Generally, these items will be used in apartments and rental units for families who, many times, have been without beds, chairs and other household items. Please contact Lee Myers, Richard Jarboe or the church office at 706-327-4343 if you have items that may be of service to this ministry.

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with
Jodie Berndt
www.JodieBerndt.com

with Brad and Lisa Williams

Worship

February 8, 2020

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

St. Luke UMC (Ministry Center)

Cost: \$30

(Lunch included - Childcare available)

Online registration (Dec. 1 - Feb. 3rd)

@ saintlukecolumbus.org

or call church office at 706-327-4343

St. Luke Free Spirits

JOIN US FOR A DAY TRIP
TO LAGRANGE, GA

Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Meet at church at 8:30 a.m.

Leave at 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$40

Includes: Transportation,
Entry to Gardens, Gallery and Lunch
For reservations contact Kym at
706-327-4343 or email

kym@stlukeum.com

Space is limited to 55 people,

Reservations due by January 21, 2020

Your Check reserves your spot!



OUR PHONE NUMBERS

Church Office
706-327-4343

Preschool
706-327-4343

St. Luke School
706-256-1301

Early Learning Center
706-322-2703

Ministry Center
706-256-1017

Respite Care Ministry
706-256-3117

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.

Naomi's Village: In honor of Mrs. Susan Graham by Mr. and Mrs. William Gravlee. In honor of Mrs. Mary Pat Beckum by The Monday Night Bible Study.

Respite Care: In honor of Mrs. Geraldine King and Mrs. Norma Butler by Mr. and Mrs. William Gravlee. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warren by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brandon. In memory of Mrs. Susan Martin by Mrs. Faye Lester and Mr. and Mrs. Brad Turner. In honor of Mrs. Ingrid Griffin by Brian, Jenny, Hudson and Bryson Koon.

Food Pantry: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warren by Mr. and Mrs. William Gravlee. In honor of Mrs. Ruth W. Laney by Mr. and Mrs. David Dunaway. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. David Dunaway by Mrs. Ruth W. Laney. In memory of Mrs. Susan Martin by Mr. Billy Cunningham.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Susan Martin by Mr. and Mrs. William Gravlee, Mr. Kevin Harcourt, The Now Class, Ms. Wynne Prather Stevenson, Daunn Swinehart, and Lamar Fletcher. In honor of Mrs. Peggy Gindville by Adele Lindsey. In memory of Mr. Robert Allen Tillery by his family. In memory of Mrs. Jean Amos by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Scarborough.

Fountain Area Restoration Fund: In memory of Mrs. Martha Cunningham by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Martin II.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mrs. Martha Cunningham, Mrs. Jane Loflin, and Mrs. Jean Amos by Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson and Mr. Andy Robinson.

Music Fund: In honor of Dr. Marc Boensel by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony.

St. Luke Preschool: In memory of Mr. John Cartledge by Miss Meredith King.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Rev. Gaston Pollock by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

First Saturday: In memory of Mrs. Betty Rainey Pearson by Miss Dee Rainey.

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!

-Respite Care-

“Caring for loved ones and caregivers”

Respite Ministry - (706) 256-3117

The St. Luke Respite Care Ministry celebrated its 20th Anniversary at the annual Christmas Brunch and recognized former directors Alexis Williams, Carol Boers, and Diane Hett; former program staff Mary Williams and Mary Bass; current and former Advisory Council members; volunteers, and Dr. Hal Brady and Mitch Watts, who were instrumental in the founding of our ministry.

Rev. Robert Beckum introduced Kathryn Fussell, who will join Respite Care as Director on January 6. Welcome, Kathryn!

All of us extend our sincere thanks to those named above as well as St. Luke members and community friends who continue to support Respite Care. Please consider joining us as a volunteer in the new year. We welcome your phone call!



THE CORNER

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

2019 WAS THE BIGGEST YEAR EVER AT THE CORNER...PRAISE GOD AND LET'S MAKE 2020 EVEN BIGGER!!!

JANUARY 5: Winter Kick-off for Sunday Morning Small Groups at 10:00 a.m. and we begin a brand new series on Sunday nights as well!

JANUARY 5: Join us Sunday, at 11 a.m. in the Youth Room for an **Informational Meeting** regarding the **Corner High School Mexico Mission Trip in July**. Let Your Light Shine Before Others and Around the World!!!

FEBRUARY 14-17: We are all going to the mountains for skiing, tubing, Big Lee McBride, worship, and our annual winter retreat!!! Sign-ups have begun.
