ST. LUKE LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent is a forty day season of prayer, fasting, study and reflection in which we prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross and to Easter. During these days, we are asking God to deepen our individual faith journeys and to direct St. Luke into even more faithful paths of discipleship and service. In order that we make take this journey together, I want to provide you a scriptural road map of our journey in worship for the weeks ahead. We begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 in the Sanctuary
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

We continue our journey on the five Sundays during March with stories of “Encounters with Jesus.”
March 1---Jesus’ Encounter with the Tempter
Matthew 4:1-11
March 8---Jesus’ Encounter with Nicodemus
John 3:1-17
March 15---Jesus’ Encounter with the Samaritan Woman at the Well
John 4:5-42
March 22---Jesus’ Encounter with the Man Born Blind
John 9:1-41

Afternoon (4:00 p.m. Service of Confirmation in the Ministry Center)
March 29---Jesus’ Encounter with Lazarus at the Tomb
John 11:1-41

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY
April 5---Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-11
Holy Wednesday Meal and Devotion---5:30 St. Luke Ministry Center
Maundy Thursday Communion---7:00 St. Luke Sanctuary
Good Friday---Rutter’s “Requiem” 7:00 St. Luke Sanctuary
April 12---Easter Sunday Matthew 28:1-10

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, Dr. Adriane Burgess will lead us in devotions entitled “At the Table,” recounting the most memorable of Jesus’ teachings at the dinner table.

Through all of these services, I pray that you will know God’s blessing and realize a closer walk with the Savior.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor
rbeckum@stlukeum.com
February 23, 2020                                Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude............................................. “Fantasia in C” ........................................William Byrd

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

*Hymn............................................. “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” ..............Number 173

*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.

**Anthem (Chancel Choir)............. “Jesus Is The Living Stone” ...............Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer........................................................Rev. Brett Maddocks

*Hymn............................................ “Be Thou My Vision” ..................................Number 451

*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 17:1-9 (p.17, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word............ “MOUNTAINTOP PERSPECTIVE” ..............Rev. Maddocks

*Hymn............................................. “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ..............Number 103

*The Benediction......................................................Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)........ “Sevenfold Amen” .......................Peter Lutkin

Postlude ........................................ “Immortal, Invisible” ......................................Improvisation

*Standing as able ** Music Box *** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
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WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - February 26
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 at noon.

Menu: Fried chicken, chicken and sausage jambalaya, red beans and rice, rolls, salad and assorted desserts.

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

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

Email: ___________________________________________________________________________
WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Chapel, Rev. Dr. Jose D. Resto preaching. Palabra Escrita: Mateo 6:5-13. Palabra Hablada: “Jesús nos enseña a orar.”


ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Hardaway Loflin by Jim and Beth Vech.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: Please contact Maggie Roberson at maggie@stlukeum.com to reserve available dates, March 8, 22, 29, April 26, May 3, June 28, July 5, 19, August 16, 23, and 30.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Midtown (Columbus): Fred Mitchell, 1028, Rebecca Loftin, 910. Regional Rehab (Phenix City): Robynel Harden, 205.

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!

The Masterwork Chorale will begin rehearsals on March 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Marc Boensel. The Masterwork Chorale will join the Chancel Choir on Good Friday, singing the Rutter “Requiem.”

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IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Mary Anne Willis
February 16, 2020

Mrs. Gloria Ramos
February 14, 2020

THE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND assists seven students from Columbus State 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 educations.

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CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th grade students! Children will be escorted upstairs to the Corner Kidz Room (beside the gym) after the welcome for a children’s service designed specifically for them!

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 for teaching and activities tailored to their ages. Please pick up your child in Stockwell Hall after the service.

OPEN DOOR CLASSIC 5K
Join St. Luke in supporting our partner ministry Open Door Community House. Participants in the annual Open Door Classic 5K on March 21st will help provide vital community ministries that break the cycle of poverty for families. Register online at www.odch.org and be sure to select St. Luke for your church/sponsor affiliation. Paper registration sheets are available at St. Luke’s Welcome Desk. You may make additional donations online when you register, or you can make a donation to St. Luke Church, designated for “Open Door.” For further information, contact Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess at aburgess@stlukeum.com or 706-327-4343.

OUR CLERGY STAFF
Rev. Robert Beckum
Senior Minister
Rev. Brett Maddocks
Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess
Associate Pastor
Rev. Dick Reese
Minister of Pastoral Care
Rev. Dr. José Resto
Hispanic Ministries
Bishop James King
Bishop in Residence

St. Luke Free Spirits
FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
THE BRYAN CANONIGO QUARTET
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
11:30 a.m. (MIN)
Cost: $10
For reservations contact Kym at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com
Come dressed in Mardi Gras attire!

AT THE TABLE
Wednesday Night Supper
LENTEN SERIES
Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess
5:30 p.m. (Ministry Center)

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CONFIRMATION
Important Dates:
March 12-15th: Confirmation Retreat (Epworth By the Sea/Savannah)
March 22nd: Confirmation Sunday and Dinner
**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.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Susan Martin by Mr. and Mrs. George Mize.

**Samaritan Fund:** In honor of Mr. Doyle Register by The New Beginnings Circle.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward by The Fellowship/ Jesus is Lord Class and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register.

**St. Luke Orchestra Fund:** In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward by Ms. Anleone Evans.

**Music Fund:** In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward by the St. Luke Orchestra and Mr. and Mrs. Roderick C. Hunter.

**Meals on Wheels Fund:** In memory of Mr. James White by Mr. and Mrs. Len Sexton and Mrs. Annette Pollock.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward by Mr. Billy Cunningham.

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**Respite Care**

“Caring for loved ones and caregivers”

**Kathryn Fussell, Director**

(706) 256-3117, kfussell@stlukeum.com

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

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**Ministry Opportunities at the St. Luke Early Learning Center**

The ELC is seeking individuals eager to serve God by serving others. We currently have both full-time and part-time positions available. If you have experience with children and a love for Christ, I would love to talk with you. Please contact Sherry Carr, Director of the ELC @ 706-322-2703.

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**Sunday Nights**

Engaging and fun environment for Middle and High School Students. We will use both bands like we used to and have worship/games and messages relevant to all ages. Small groups will be age-specific and will drill down on truths in a more age-specific way.

**Middle School Homeboys and Middle School Girls Bible Studies**

Lisa Moore and the Middle School girls will continue their awesome Bible study at Iron Bank on Wednesdays.

Jonathan and JJ will continue to disciple Middle School Homeboys on Wednesdays after school as well.

**April 11**

St. Luke Spring Super Serve Day… More than a dozen service projects will be held all over the city. We are called to take care of these orphans and widows and be a help to the least of these. Missional ministry is essential for our spiritual growth.

**April 19**

Six Flags!!! Everyone is invited, but the Lesters/Beatty Sunday Night Lights Team goes for free! We will leave right after the 9:00 a.m. service and get home late!

**June 1**

Eight interns arrive and age-and-gender-specific small groups begin and last all summer! We invest heavily in discipleship and community at The Corner and St. Luke!

**June 1-5**

Souled Out Summer! We leave at 9:00 a.m. on June 1st and spend the week worshiping, playing, being discipled in age-and-gender-specific small groups, and growing in our relationship with Christ. Souled Out Summer is at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center!