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LENTEN DE-FORMATION DIVINE RE-FORMATION

In this season of Lent, it is common for people to “give up” those things that are impairing their relationship with God and with others. At the same time, people may “take on” new disciplines to enhance their relationships. I like the way Mark Tidsworth speaks about this process of giving up and of taking on, in his Lenten devotional book, [40 Days of Prayer](#). He says:

“Christian mystics call the process of laying down our wills and taking up God’s will as ‘De-formation.’ This is an accurate description of the experience. We have built up layer upon layer of control and self-direction. The process of becoming a disciple is submitting to God’s refinement. God strips away these layers of denial, sin and selfishness. The process feels like we are being de-formed. The result is we are far more open to being re-formed as disciples of Jesus Christ.”

The de-formation process, to which Tidsworth refers, is working not to be conformed, without thought, to our culture’s values, actions and perspectives. The Christian formation process is a life-long effort to be conformed to the image of Christ. What does becoming more Christ-like mean for you? How, specifically, does becoming more Christ-like show up in your life? Tidsworth has these “Ask God” invitations that have proved helpful to me in answering these questions:

- Ask God, what in your life needs the prayer of surrender---“nevertheless, not my will but your will be done, dear Father.”
- Ask God to identify what you are clutching (what is your idol) that prevents letting go and letting God more fully. Then ask God for the courage to let it go.
- Ask God to give you the eyes to see and the ears to hear his calling for you and for our St. Luke congregation.
- Ask God to help you orient your life more fully around Christ.
- Ask God to transform (re-form) you, showing you what kingdom values, actions and perspectives to embrace anew.
- Ask God to help you lay aside the cultural criteria of success and to integrate God’s criteria of fruitfulness and faithfulness more fully.

In the days of our Lenten journey, let’s take these “asks” to heart, praying in trust as Jesus encouraged his disciples: “Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Together, let’s pray for God to open new doors for effective ministry through our lives at St. Luke.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor

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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.

March 1, 2020

1st Sunday in Lent

Prelude..... "Praeludium in E minor"Nikolaus Bruhns (ca.1665-1697)

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

*Hymn..... "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"Number 269

*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.....Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess

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 Children's Sermon.....Rev. Brett Maddocks

After the Children's Sermon, children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to go to Corner Kidz for a time of extended worship. Parents pick them up in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.

*Hymn..... "It Is Well with My Soul"Number 377

Offertory Prayer.....(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Burgess (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks

Offertory Anthem (8:30 a.m.)..... "He Was Wounded"Craig Courtney

** (11:00 a.m.) "At the Name of Jesus"Cindy Berry

*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 4:1-11 (p.3, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word..... **"ENCOUNTER WITH THE TEMPTER"**Rev. Beckum

The Prayer of Confession

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 Prayer of Great Thanksgiving.....Page 23; Hymnal

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

*Hymn..... "Amazing Grace"Number 378

*The Benediction.....(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Burgess (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)..... "Fivefold Amen"Marc Boensel

Postlude "Kingsfold"Improvisation

*Standing as able

** Music Box

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

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 1

- 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)
Confirmation Class (LD, MIN)
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.
- 12:15 p.m. Masterwork Chorale Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 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)
Combined Corner/Youth (The Corner, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine Worship Service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, March 2

- 11:00 a.m. Circle 1 Meeting (Respite Bldg.)
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study (Meeting Room)
- 7:30 p.m. College House Bible Study (College House)

Tuesday, March 3

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Ministry Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study (Room 110, Main)

Wednesday, March 4

- 7:00 a.m. RFTS All Pro Dads (The Corner)
- 8:35 a.m. SLS Chapel 4th-8th Grades (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:10 a.m. SLS K-3rd Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 3:15 p.m. Middle School Boys Bible Study (The Corner Cafe, MIN)
- 4:30 p.m. College House Small Groups (College House)
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (MIN)
- 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, March 5

- 8:30 a.m. Lisa Moore's Bible Study (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12:00 p.m. Free College Lunch (College House)
- 3:00 p.m. SLS Drama Kids (Kids Corner Room, MIN)
- 3:30 p.m. SLS Faculty and Staff Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Banquet (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel, Main)

Saturday, March 7

- 10:30 a.m. First Saturday (Stockwell Hall, Main)

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

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - March 4

Program: At the Table with Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess

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, smoked beef tips, rice, salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

Name: _____

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

Email: _____

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MUSIC BOX

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

The Music Scholarship Fund assists eight 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.

Offertory: *At the Name of Jesus:* See Philippians 2:6-11

Communion: *He Loved Them to the End:* "When Jesus knew His hour was come, the hour had come for Him to die, He prayed the Father's will be done. In deepest grief His spirit cried. O what boundless love the Father showed when God His only Son He sent, and those He loved who took His life, He loved them to the end. When Jesus hung upon the cross, what perfect love He freely gave, and taking sin upon Himself, He chose to die, to face the grave. O Jesus came to share His life. He came our broken hearts to mend, and those He healed, they took His life, yet He loved them to the end. O Jesus, gentle savior, you endured a world of scorn. O Lamb of God, image of love, in you new hope is born. When Jesus rose to conquer death, the power of God was then displayed. He proved that love would always live in hearts of those who know the Way. This His covenant of peace, His promised comfort He would send, 'I will never leave you, you are not alone, I will love you to the end.'"

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Chapel, Rev. Dr. Jose D. Resto preaching. Palabra Escrita: Mateo: 7: 1-6. Palabra Hablada: "Con la misma vara que mides, te medirán."

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Robert Beckum preaching, Matthew 4:1-11, "Encounter with the Tempter."

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in honor of Miss Sally Adams for her 16th birthday by her grandmother, Mrs. Sally Adams.

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, ICU 7th floor #2.

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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EASTER SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Performance on Sunday, April 12th at all 3 services

Practices are 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 and children must commit to at least 3 out of 6 practices to perform. There are practices for those who attend the Nine and 11:00 a.m. services. If you attend the Nine, your child will practice during CornerKidz. If you attend the 11:00 a.m. service you will practice 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

If you would like to sign your child up for this Easter choir, please text Mary Pat Beckum at 229.942.6909 or email her at jrbeckum@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Easter Egg Hunt - April 5 (Location TBA)
SLSC - June 15-19, Camp Lee, Anniston, AL
VBS - July 20-24, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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.

AT THE TABLE

During Wednesday Night Suppers, we will observe Lent through a study series entitled "At the Table." In the 1st century Roman Empire, meals were an inevitable display of social and political standing. In present day, meals continue to convey status and shape the way we relate to our community. Jesus used mealtimes to teach his disciples a new way of relating to their community. At each Wednesday supper, Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess will guide a reflection of the most memorable of Jesus' teachings at the dinner table. We will start Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30 pm in the Ministry Center. See you at the table!



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.



CONFIRMATION

Important Dates:

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

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!

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.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward by the Discovery Class.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler.

Alzheimer's Association: In memory of Mrs. Mary Anne Willis by the Bereavement Ministry.

Music Fund: In memory of Mr. Sonny Ward by the Bereavement Ministry.

-Respite Care-

"Caring for loved ones and caregivers"

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

More Tips for Caregivers (continued from previous weeks).....

Communication should be simple, but do not use baby talk.

Stop what you are doing and really listen to what he/she is trying to tell you. Don't try to reason with your loved one; don't argue. You will be the one to get upset. Ask yourself, "Does it really matter?"

Respite Care has a library with many resources as well as other information. Please give us a call, (706) 256.3117.

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.



THE CORNER

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

Mexico Missions Bake Sale this Sunday! Bring money for some delicious goodies!!!

Wow our Winter Retreat was awesome! This Picture says it all! Worship was richer, study was deeper, and to top it all off we HAD SO MUCH FUN! Skiing was perfect, tubing was perfect, fun depot was chaotic and super fun!!!! We had a big old mansion of house with a massive common area to ourselves! A lot of new memories were made on that big front porch! Sign up for Souled Out Summer! In 8 years... every retreat brings something so fresh and so life-changing. Dive in!!! God is moving at the Corner and Crosswalk!



-DATES TO SAVE-

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.

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 1-5

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