For weeks now you have seen SAFETY PROCEDURES for St. Luke Church on the front of your bulletin. I thought everyone would enjoy two causes for celebration. Wherever you are when you get your bulletin, I ask you to stop and give thanks to God for the lives of two amazing women, one a disciple of long standing, the other a gifted new comer. Both of them are blessings for and through St. Luke.

Mary Reed is a true St. Luke treasure! She has been vitally involved in every aspect of ministry here at St. Luke, serving for years as the Director of Youth Ministry. Mary was highly effective in that role because she brought the same passion for "attendance" at youth ministry as she does for Rotary. For twenty-four years, Mary served as the Older Adult Travel Coordinator, and Mary’s trips are legendary. She continues to serve on the St. Luke Finance Committee, Administrative Board, as a delegate to Annual Conference and of course as St. Luke’s Lay Leader. On Thursday, Mary (the woman who loves Christmas) will celebrate her 99th birthday. Praise be to God! I know you will want to join with me in wishing Mary a happy birthday, thanking her for her years of faithful service and thanking God for her beautiful life.

We are excited to officially announce that Michelle Hubbard is finally able to begin her work as St. Luke UMC’s Director of Children’s Ministry! Many of you already know Michelle, as she has worked at St. Luke School and St. Luke Pre-School in the past few years. This position is a great transition for her; she clearly brings years of effective experience to our children’s ministry!

Michelle is originally from California, and graduated from the University of Arizona with a BS in Nursing. She worked as a Labor and Delivery nurse upon graduation, and then spent several years as a stay-at-home mom with her 5 children, now aged 7 to 14. Michelle and her husband (Nathan) settled here in Columbus about 8 years ago upon his retirement from the Army. Please join us in welcoming and thanking God for Michelle!
ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM • Broadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

August 23, 2020                                    12th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude (Ken Bailey).................................. “Prelude and Fugue in G minor” ..................J.S. Bach

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

Hymn .................................. “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ..................Dr. Marc Boensel

Psalm 145:1-10

The Affirmation of Faith........... “The Apostles’ Creed”
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)............... “The Gift of Love” ....................................Hal Hopson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer ..........................................................Rev. Beckum

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. Amen.

The Children’s Sermon..............................................................Mrs. Mary Pat Beckum

Hymn........................................ “Forward Through the Ages” ...........................Dr. Boensel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The Written Word..............................................................Romans 12:1-13

The Spoken Word.................................. “THE OFFERING” .....................Rev. Beckum

The Invitation to Discipleship - Prayer of the Congregation

You gave your only son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ’s offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn........................................ “Take My Life, and Let it Be”..................Dr. Boensel

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

Postlude (Ken Bailey)........ “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” ...........Improvisation
*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move faithful spirits
at the call divine; Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain:
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful
spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight. Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. Refrain

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all. Bound by God’s far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal. Refrain

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let me be filled with messages for thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.
**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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**Music Box**

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

The **Chancel Choir** is part of the return to live worship in the safest way possible. There will not be a Wednesday evening rehearsal until further notice. Choir meets 30 minutes before each service, in the sanctuary, socially distanced, and masked. Temperature checks are taken when arriving. Only two anthems are rehearsed, one of which will be for the service that morning. The choir will remain masked at all times and socially distanced. Choir has resumed at both 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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.

Please consider a gift to the **Music Ministry**. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Orchestra Fund, or Organ Fund.

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):** 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, The Rev. Brett Maddocks, preaching.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Paul by her family.

**OUR KNOWN SICK:** Piedmont Northside: Ruth Hydrick, 334.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Mrs. Betsey Henard Hewitt
August 15, 2020

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**Tithes and Offerings**

Offering plates/boxes are placed at entrances and exits at all of our in-person worship services. Of course, you can continue to support St. Luke Church with your tithes and offerings by mail, bank draft, or by going to the St. Luke website, [https://saintlukecolumbus.org/give/](https://saintlukecolumbus.org/give/), and clicking on “SecureGive” and then clicking on the “Church” button. If you need help with this option, please contact Renee Wilkinson at renee@stlukeum.com or Brett Maddocks at bmaddocks@stlukeum.com.

**CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS**

Please do not use the physical address of the church for mailing. The church mailing address is P.O. Box 867, Columbus, GA 31902. The Post Office will no longer deliver items that are addressed to our physical address. Thank you!

As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of St. Luke Church.

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CornerKidz video lessons and Sunday school lessons are sent out weekly! Not getting the email? Contact me at haileychs@yahoo.com or Tracey at twilliams@stlukeum.com! **Zoom with us this Sunday at 11:00 a.m!** The link will be in the e-mail from me! I can’t wait until we are back together again!

Love, Ms. Hailey

Special Back to School Zoom next Sunday, August 30th when we welcome everyone back and all new Kindergarteners to the Corner Kidz family! Look for the link later this week in an email from Ms. Hailey. You won’t want to miss it!!!

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**OUR CLERGY STAFF**

Rev. Robert Beckum - **Senior Minister**

Rev. Brett Maddocks - **Associate Pastor**

Rev. Dick Reese - **Minister of Pastoral Care**

Rev. Dr. José Resto - **Hispanic Ministries**

Bishop James King - **Bishop in Residence**

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**Ministerio Hispano “La Cosecha”**

_Saint Luke U.M. Church_

_Columbus, Georgia_

Palabra Escrita: Salmo 122:1

Palabra Hablada: “A la casa de Jehová iremos”

¡Aleluya!

Con el favor de Dios estaremos regresando a nuestros cultos el Domingo 30 de Agosto, 2020, después de esta larga cuarentena a causa de la pandemia de Corona Virus. Estamos contentos con la noticia que reabrimos nuestro servicio después de casi mas de 5 meses de espera, pero aún cuando no vamos a tener el mismo formato de adoración por los requisitos que nos demanda iglesia, para guardar la salud de nuestros miembros. Los cambios y ajustes que se hecho tienen la intención de sobre guardar la salud de cada uno de los hermanos(as), creo que nos ajustaremos a nuestro nuevo o estilo, pero Dios será glorificado.

El regresar a la iglesia se requerirá seguir las siguientes instrucciones antes y después de llegar a la iglesia.

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**DETENGASE**

**FAVOR DE SIGUIR EL SIGUIENTE PROCEDIMIENTO ANTES DE ENTRAR**

1. **Lávese** las manos usando el desinfectante ya provisto
2. **Utilizar una mascarilla** provista en la entrada (si ya utiliza su mascarilla personal esta será suficiente)
3. **Tomarse la temperatura**
   • Una persona le tomara su temperatura con un termómetro con un protector desechable o con un termómetro que no se haya tocado.
   • Será requerida una temperatura de 100.3 o menor para poder entra en el edificio.
4. **Mantener la distancia social** de 6 pies en todo tiempo
5. **No habrá ninguna confraternización** terminado el culto.

Damos gloria a Dios, pues nuestros corazones están llenos de gozo al saber que regresamos a nuestros cultos dominicales. A Dios sea toda la Gloria y toda la Honra. Amen

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Rev. Dr. José Resto/ Pastor
**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 acknowledgment sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mrs. Jane Paul by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Pimentel.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Anetha Nielson by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register.

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Kathy Frost’s brother by the Discovery Class.

**Bereavement Ministry:** In memory of Ms. Samantha Worthington by Mrs. Kathy Riley.

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**STOP**

**BEFORE ENTRY PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES**

1. **Sanitize** your hands using the provided sanitizing solution.
2. Put on a provided face mask (if you are already wearing a personal face mask that will suffice).
3. Have your **temperature taken** by the receptionist with a “touchless” thermometer.
   - A temperature of 100.3 or lower is required for entry into the building.
4. Maintain a **physical distance** of at least 6 feet of all persons not living in your immediate household.

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**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

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

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**CROSSWALK**

“Life is a cross walk” Luke 9:23

**LAUNCH THIS SUNDAY**

**The Corner**

5:00 PM — 6:30 PM
Meet in Large Dining Room
Move to the gym for small groups

5:00 PM — 6:30 PM
Meet in Large Dining Room