Thad’s Thoughts

About ten years ago, Laura, the girls and I took off to Amelia Island for a few days. It was a very spontaneous trip. Therefore, we found a place to rent at the last minute and took our chances that it would be sufficient for us. As it turns out, the man who rented us the place was an extremely nice man. On the day that we were checking out he invited us to come down to the marina where they were having a fishing tournament. He said, “We will have bar-be-que for sale, snow cones for the kids, lots of other activities, and you can see them weighing in the fish. It will be a lot of fun!” Although we had just met the man, we took him up on his invitation, and we were glad that we did. Not only was it everything he had promised, but he gave us all hats, we ate snow cones, we saw lots of different fish, and we even met his family. This man truly understood the word hospitality, and he took great pride in making us feel like we were part of his community.

This past Sunday, we experienced that same type of warm hospitality as we worshiped for the first time at St. Luke Church. You overwhelmed us with encouragement, support, and the repeated offer, “Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you get on board.” Because of your genuine hospitality, we are already feeling like we are part of your community.

What does it mean to live in community with one another? What are some misconceptions about living in community? What are some practical steps that we can follow in order to improve our sense of community? Romans 12:10 says, “Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.” These words provide us with a solid foundation on which to build community. Love, mutual affection, and showing honor are core values that sustain the body of Christ and hold us all together in Christian community.

I invite you to join me in worship this Sunday as we consider what it means to be a community of lights. We will look at Philippians 2:12-16. My prayer is that as we seek to find ways of improving our community, our personal lives will be enriched as well. See you Sunday!
June 27, 2021                                           5th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude (Piano/Organ Duet).......................... “Lift High the Cross” ..................arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Opening Prayer...............................................................Rev. Thad Haygood

Hymn................................... “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ..................Number 117

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.

The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)
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.

**Anthem (Chancel Choir).................... “You Are Mine” ..................David Haas

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.............................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Dick Reese

(11:00 a.m.) Rev. Brett Maddocks

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.................... “Dresden Amen” ..................Johann Newmann

The Children’s Sermon...............................................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Haygood

(11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks

Hymn................................... “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ..................Number 474

The Written Word.................................................................Philippians 2:12-16, (p. 186, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word ............ “A COMMUNITY OF LIGHTS” ..................Rev. Haygood

Hymn................................... “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” ..................Number 370

The Benediction.................................................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Reese

(11:00 a.m.) Rev. Haygood

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

Postlude (Ken Bailey).................. “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ..................Improvisation

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Ministry Center, 706-256-1017
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, June 27
8:30 a.m.  Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m.  Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlucelcolumbus.org
9:00 a.m.  CornerKidz K-3rd grade
9:45 a.m.  Sunday School
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.saintlucelcolumbus.org beginning at 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
5-6:00 p.m. Crosswalk/High School (LD, MIN)
11:30 p.m.  Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, June 28
10:00 a.m.  District Clergy Meeting (LD, MIN)
2-3:30 p.m  Alzheimer’s Community Support Group (SD, MIN)

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, July 26
2-3:30 p.m  Alzheimer’s Community Support Group (SD, MIN)

Wednesday, July 28
12 Noon  Finance Committee (LD, MIN)
7:00 p.m.  Administrative Board (LD, MIN)

Friday, August 6
5:00 p.m.  Burbrink/Walker Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 7
5:30 p.m.  Burbrink/Walker Wedding (Sanctuary)

Monday, August 23
2-3:30 p.m  Alzheimer’s Community Support Group (SD, MIN)

Main (main building, where Sanctuary is)MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
JULY 4, 2021
ONE GREAT SERVICE OF WORSHIP
(no 8:30, 9:00, or 11:00 a.m.)
10:30 A.M. IN THE ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Lunch will be provided by the church!

Preschool Nursery provided.
Ministry Center is wheelchair-accessible.
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A HUGE shout out to all the volunteers who helped with VBS this past week! Together we were able to share God’s love with over 150 children! I couldn’t have done it without your help! Thank you all again and again from the bottom of my heart!

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**Military Ministry**

St. Luke Family: Please join us for the Grand Opening of the Ranger Outreach Center, known as the ROC, July 19 at 9 a.m. Register online to attend at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ranger-outreach-center-grand-opening-tickets-155516462927](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ranger-outreach-center-grand-opening-tickets-155516462927).

Men: Join us at Lakebottom Park at 5:15 a.m. Tu/Th and 6:00 a.m. Sat for F3: Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith. Contact Tony Mayne for details at [tony@gallantfew.org](mailto:tony@gallantfew.org) and check out the F3 Nation website at [www.f3nation.com](http://www.f3nation.com).

A virtual weekly men’s Bible study is available Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. Contact Tony Mayne for more information.

For more information on upcoming events and ways to serve our military community contact Nicole Mayne at [nmayne@stlukeum.com](mailto:nmayne@stlukeum.com)
**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.

**Samaritan Fund:** In honor of Mrs. Lucile Lambert by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall.

**Telephone Class:** In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by the Fellowship/Jesus is Lord Class.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by Mr. and Mrs. J. Madden Hatcher, Jr.

**Naomi’s Village:** In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hutchens and Ms. Jillian Morgan by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott.

**Music Fund:** In memory of Mr. Chester Watts by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

**Free Spirits Fund:** In memory of Mr. Chester Watts by Mrs. Mary Bass.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey. In memory of Molly Neal, Larry Neal, and Don Kleiber and in honor of the Haygood family and Harriet Haygood’s birthday by Mrs. Alice Douglas.

**Christie Garden Fund:** In memory of Mr. Don Kleiber and Mr. Carl Porter by Dr. and Mrs. Champ Baker.

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**WE LOVE CORNER CROSSWALK SUMMERS!**

Middle School and High School Students!

Join us THIS SUNDAY NIGHT (6/27) for a POOL PARTY at the Amos’ house! Gavin Hart will be sharing his Senior Sermon! 5pm-8pm! SO MUCH FUN!

**Our LAST Food Truck Monday is THIS MONDAY, JUNE 28 at 12pm!**

We will have Dell’s Food Truck and Batter Edible Cookie Dough & The Icy Girl!

We will be set up in the ELC Green Space and we will be having a WATER BALLOON FIGHT after we eat, so make sure to bring money for food and a towel!

Middle school parents, pick your students up at 3:00 p.m. after Bible study at the Corner! WE CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!!