Thad's Thoughts

I recently shared a devotion with the staff based on Ephesians 4:11-16. In this passage of scripture, Paul reminds the people in Ephesus that Jesus Christ himself has provided teachers, pastors, evangelists, and apostles so that the body of Christ might be built up. He goes on to say that from Jesus himself, the whole body is joined together and that through him the body grows and is built up in love, as each part does its work. There are a few takeaways for me in this passage. First of all, the body of Christ is meant to grow! As one pastor said, “Churches are either growing or they are dying. There is no in between.” Although this is scary to hear, it is solidly true. From the very beginning, the body of Christ was designed to grow and expand. Jesus began his ministry by inviting a few fisherman to “follow me,” and of course he later told them to “go and make disciples.” Secondly, we learn here that the body of Christ is “built up in love.” The core foundation of the body of Christ is love, and when we practice this one action the church is built up. We are to be encouragers of one another, seeking out the good in each other and capitalizing on the positives. Build one another up in love. Finally, we see here that the body of Christ grows and is built up only when we are each doing our work as followers of Christ. Christianity is not a spectator sport. If we fall into the trap of thinking that someone else will carry the load, the body begins to break down.

As a leader, I am most excited when I see people working together. I love to see a team effort come to fruition, and I love to see people celebrating one another’s accomplishments. We all have a deep desire to be a part of something and we all want to be a part of something that is meaningful and uplifting. What could possibly be more meaningful and uplifting than working together for the kingdom of God?

Take some time this week to ask yourself a few questions. Where is God leading me to grow and expand my ministry? What God-sized visions do I have? In other words, what are some things that you dream of that only God could accomplish? Finally, what stands in the way of you reaching those dreams? Wrestle with these questions, lay them at the feet of Jesus, and seek to be an active part of building up the body of Christ!
July 18, 2021 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude................................................. “Fanfare” ..........................................Percy Whitlock

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

Hymn.................................................... “Lead On, O King Eternal” ........................Number 580

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 (The Chancel Choir)...... “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” ......Sebastian Temple

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer............................................................Rev. Dick Reese

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 Naumann

The Children’s Sermon.................................................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Haygood
(11:00 a.m.) Michelle Hubbard

Hymn.................................................... “Lord Speak to Me” ..........................Number 463

Special Music........................................... “Deep River” .................................arr. Mark Hayes
(Marc Boensel, baritone and Ken Bailey, organ)

The Written Word..............................................................Romans 12:9-18 (p. 151, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word......................... “BEING THE CHURCH” ..........................Rev. Haygood

Hymn.................................................... “The Church’s One Foundation” ........................Number 545

The Benediction.............................................................. Rev. Reese

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

Postlude (Ken Bailey).. “Lead On, O King Eternal, The Church’s One Foundation” ..Improvisation

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, July 18
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.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 House Worship Service (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.saintlukecolumbus.org beginning at 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
5:00 p.m. Crosswalk/High School (LD, MIN)
          Military Ministry/CRU Info Session (Stockwell Hall, Main)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, July 19
9:00 a.m. ROC (Ranger Operations Center) Grang Opening (ROC)

Tuesday, July 20
7:00 a.m. College House Men’s Small Group
12 Noon School Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. College House Ladies Bible Study (Kami’s House)

Wednesday, July 21
5:00 p.m. HS Girls Bible Study (SWAG Room)
6:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)

Thursday, July 22
4:00 p.m. New Journey School Supply Social (LD, MIN)

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, July 26
2-3:30 p.m Alzheimer’s Community Support Group (1021 Third Ave.)

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

Monday, August 2
11:00 a.m. Circle One Meeting (Respite, 1021 Third Ave.)

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

FAMILY CAMP
2021 IS A GO!
Save the Date
October 8-10, 2021

Prayer Calendars
If you would like a prayer calendar mailed to you please call the church office @ 706-327-4343.
**Music Box**

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

You are invited to find your place to serve the church through music. Children, Youth, and Adults have a place in the Music Ministry. New members of the Choir and Bell Choir are welcome throughout the year:

- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.
- **Handbell Choir** rehearsals at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday evenings in Handbell Room.
- **Children's Choirs** and **St. Luke Orchestra** resume in the fall.

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.

**Today's anthem:** “Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.”

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):** 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, The Rev. Thad Haygood, 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 Leroy Paul and family.

**OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES:** September 12, October 10, October 31, and November 21. For more information contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

**OUR KNOWN SICK:**
- Piedmont Northside: Judy Thomas, 328 (rehab).
- Piedmont Midtown: Craig Oplinger, ICU 8th floor.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To the family of Joanne Cole (retired St. Luke employee) who passed away on July 9, 2021.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM**

St. Luke offers several Adult Sunday School classes for in-person times of study and fellowship. If you are unable to attend in person, the Discovery Class offers its 10:00 AM in person class each Sunday on Zoom. Anyone not able to attend is invited to go online to the address listed below to access the class. You do not have to be a member of the Discovery Class or St. Luke to attend. All are welcome! [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82905865693?pwd=WXInKzBjNEpyQ3QrQ2J2anpseFA1dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82905865693?pwd=WXInKzBjNEpyQ3QrQ2J2anpseFA1dz09)

Meeting ID: 829 0586 5693  Passcode: 995620

**Rush to the 9**

Rush to the 9 to help celebrate 12 years of awesome!

Rev. Brett Maddocks joined St. Luke in July of 2009 and our church family has been stronger ever since. Please join us at the 9 o'clock contemporary service on July 25th as we pay tribute to our favorite rockstar.
Corner Kidz is back! Children who have completed Kindergarten through completed 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services. Additionally, Sunday School for all children completed K through completed 5th meets in Stockwell Hall during the 10 o’clock hour. Hope your children will join me!

Calling all rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders! Join us July 28th for a moving up celebration at Sky Zone beginning at 12:30 p.m. Pizza and drinks included. RSVP to mhubbard@stlukeum.com ASAP!

Save the Date! Be sure to join us August 8th for a Blessing of the Backpacks and Promotion Sunday. We’re sending our children, students and educators back to school with our prayers and blessings. All are encouraged to bring their backpacks or totes so that a special blessing for a safe and successful year of learning may be said over them. Plan to stay for the Sunday School hour too to meet your Sunday School teachers for the upcoming year.

Our nursery is hiring! We are prayerfully seeking compassionate and reliable caregivers to provide childcare for our church families on Sunday mornings. Interested applicants should contact Michelle mhubbard@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

Military Ministry
St. Luke Family: Please join us this Sunday, July 19, at 9:00 a.m. for the Grand Opening of the Ranger Outreach Center, known as the ROC. Register online to attend at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ranger-outreach-center-grand-opening-tickets-155516462927.

For more information on upcoming events and ways to serve our military community contact Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com.

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**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.

**Free Spirits Fund:** In memory of Mr. Chester Watts by Mrs. Anna Montgomery.

**Telephone Class Fund:** In memory of Mr. Carl Porter by Mrs. Anna Montgomery.

**Bereavement Ministry Fund:** In memory of Gabriel Max Denes by Mrs. Anna Montgomery.

**Organ Fund:** In honor of Rev. and Mrs. Thad Haygood and in memory of Mr. Armando Boensel by Mrs. Anna Montgomery.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mr. Pete Robinson, Mr. Carl Porter and Mr. Chester Watts by Mrs. Mary Reed.

**Music Fund:** In memory of Mr. Armando Boensel by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mr. Chester Watts and Mr. Pete Robinson by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall.

**St. Luke School Fund:** In honor of Rev. Thad Haygood and Mr. Thomas Persons by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wynn.

**Samaritan Fund:** In honor of Mr. Sanders Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Covington by Mr. Andy Robinson.

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

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**BYOP WAS AMAZING!!!!!**

We had 17 baptisms!!! God is so good and faithful!!! THANK YOU JESUS!!

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**Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park**

RISING 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS!

Join us for an amazing time at SKY ZONE on Wednesday, July 28 at 12:30 p.m. PIZZA, DRINKS, AND SO MUCH FUN! We hope to see you there!

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**Synthesis Leadership**

Please be in prayer for our High School Synthesis Leadership Team as we prepare for our Leadership Retreat August 2-4! We can't wait to see how God moves in the hearts of our student leaders!

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**Locals**

MONDAY, JULY 19!

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Meet at the restaurant at 12pm! Check social media and email for location!

We will bring students back to the church on buses to hang out and for Middle School Bible Study! Pick up at 3PM from the Corner!