Belief Matters

Writing about the importance of the Apostles’ Creed, author, theologian, and pastor Alister McGrath states in his book, *I Believe: Exploring the Apostles’ Creed*, that the Creed serves three purposes for Christians. First, the Apostles’ Creed provides a brief summary about the main points of the Christian faith. Second, the Creed helps us to recognize incomplete or inadequate versions of Christianity. Third, the Creed emphasizes that to believe is to belong. In short, the Apostles’ Creed is a statement of belief and belonging.

This Sunday, August 15, we will begin a series on the Apostles’ Creed called *Belief Matters*. We want to examine the Creed for seven weeks asking one important question: *Why does what we believe matter?* We hope you will join us each Sunday as we do a deep dive into this foundational statement of our faith.

**Series Schedule:**

- August 15: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
- August 22: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
- August 29: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended to the dead
- September 5: The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead
- September 12: I believe in the Holy Spirit
- September 19: The holy catholic church, the communion of saints
- September 26: The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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August 15, 2021                                          12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude................................ “Now Thank We All Our God” ....................arr. Sigfred Karg Elert

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

*Hymn................................ “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” .....................Number 127

***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).............. “And Can It Be?” ................................ Dan Forrest

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer .............................................................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 Naumann

*Hymn...................................... “O Word of God Incarnate” ..................Number 598

Offertory Prayer..........................................................................................Rev. Maddocks

**Offertory........................................ “Be Thou My Vision” ....................arr. Richard Walters
(Marc Boensel, baritone and Ken Bailey, organ)

*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.......................................................................................Genesis 1:1-3 (p. 1, OT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word........... “MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH” ...............Rev. Haygood

*Hymn........................................ “Now Thank We All Our God” ..................Number 102

*The Benediction.......................................................................................Rev. Haygood

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

Postlude (Ken Bailey)........................... “Be Thou My Vision” ......................Improvisation

*Standing as able. **See Music Box ***quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 15
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)
11:30 p.m.  Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Tuesday, August 17
7:00 a.m.  Men’s Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)

Wednesday, August 18
12 noon  Free College Lunch (College House)
6:00 p.m.  Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)
7:00 p.m.  Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
7:30 p.m.  College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

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

UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, August 21
2:00 p.m.  Mary Reed’s 100th Birthday Reception (LD, MIN)

Monday, August 23
2:00 p.m.  Alzheimer’s Community Support Group (1021 Third Ave.)

MILITARY MINISTRY

For information about volunteering with St Luke’s CRU Military team to serve basic trainees on post, please contact Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com.

Men: A weekly bible study is available 6:00 a.m. Wednesday at the ROC (or virtually) with breakfast following at 7:00 a.m. @RuthAnns.  Fitness, Faith, and Fellowship:  F3 workouts at Lakebottom Park occur at 5:15 a.m.Tu/Th and 6:00 a.m. Sat. Contact Tony Mayne for details at tony@gallantfew.org

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 a.m. in person class each Sunday on Zoom. You do not have to be a member of the Discovery Class or St. Luke to attend. All are welcome! Those wanting the Zoom Link for the Discovery SS class, can also contact Ruth Brown by email or text. Use the subject line “Please send me the Link” or use those words in your text, ruthbrownyoga@gmail.com or text 706-570-8826.
Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to find their place in the Music Ministry. New members are welcome throughout the year:

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.

**Handbell Choir** rehearsals are at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.

**Children’s Choir** begins on September 15 at 4:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**St. Luke Orchestra** rehearses for specific events throughout the year.

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:** “And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the savior’s blood? Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me? He left his father’s throne above, so free, so infinite his grace. Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race. ‘Tis mercy all, immense and free. For, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread, J esus and all in him is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine. Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love...”

**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 Mr. Robert E. (Bobby) Flournoy by his family.

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

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Mrs. Kendall Riley (St. Luke employee) in the death of her aunt, Mrs. Lisa Livingston Trillet, on August 6, 2021.

**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

**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.

**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!
Please join the
ST. LUKE Free Spirits
for a
Tent Revival
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
11:30 a.m.
Cost $10
For reservations, contact Kym
at 706-327-4343 or
e-mail kym@stlukeum.com

You are invited to
Mary Reed’s
100th
Birthday Reception
Saturday, August 21, 2021
2:00 - 4:00 p.m
St. Luke Ministry
No gift please!

Corner Kidz is back! Children K through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services. Additionally, Sunday School locations to K-1st will meet in room 106, 2nd and 3rd in room 108, 4th and 5th in Stockwell Hall. Children’s choir resumes on Wednesday September 15 from 4:45-5:30 p.m. Please visit www.cornerkidz.com to register today!

Calling all rising Kindergarteners! Bounce into Children’s Ministry with a welcome play-date at Launch on Sunday, August 29th from 3-4:00 p.m. RSVP to mhubbard@stlukeum.com to reserve your spot today! Parents, this is not a drop off event. Please plan to stay.

Our nursery is hiring! We are prayerfully seeking compassionate and reliable caregivers 16 years and older to provide childcare for our church families on Sunday mornings. Interested applicants should contact Michelle mhubbard@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

College House
Dates to Remember

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<td>8/18</td>
<td>College House Fall Kickoff&lt;br&gt;Free Chick-fil-a from 6:30-7:30&lt;br&gt;7:30 Worship, Games, Prizes and More!&lt;br&gt;Mike D will be bringing the word!</td>
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<td>8/19</td>
<td>Free Lunch Thursday&lt;br&gt;Free Lunch every Thursday at the College House from Noon-1:30pm</td>
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<td>Monday Night Bible Study Starts&lt;br&gt;We will start back with Monday Night Bible study with an overview of 1 Corinthians - 7:30pm</td>
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Instagram @collegehouse_
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.

**Barnabus Fund:** In memory of his father, Merritt Dewitt Gibson, and his stepmother, Elinor Dozier Gibson, by the estate of James Derrell Gibson.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mr. Pete Robinson by Mr. Walter Miller.

**St. Luke School Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mr. Ronny Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker.

**St. Luke School:** In honor of Miss Ellie Persons by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wynn.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mr. Erling Pedersen by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

**Samaritan Fund:** In honor of Mrs. Annette Pollock by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Anthony.

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**FAMILY CAMP 2021 IS A GO!**
October 8-10, 2021
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
saintlukecolumbus.org

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

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**S.A.W. MINISTRY NEEDS**
The S.A.W. Ministry is in need of mattresses and beds (twin, double, queen), chairs, tables, etc. If you can help please contact Lee Myers at leemyers.co@gmail.com or call the church office at 706-327-4343.

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**NEW KIDS IN TOWN**

**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!**
We will have youth THIS SUNDAY, August 15th, 5-7:00 p.m.!
We can’t wait to see YOU!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**
starting September 8th
Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Ministry Center!

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**INTRODUCING OUR 2021/22 SYNTHESIS LEADERSHIP TEAM**
These leaders have been trained and equipped to lead small groups this fall! We will have 40 small groups each Sunday Night in September and October. If leading was easy everyone would do it...these leaders are DOING IT!

**WATCH OUT COLUMBUS!**