Valentine’s Day is next week. What does that have to do with church? On the one hand, the two are totally unrelated. On the other hand, it seems very appropriate to mention it here. On the unrelated side, the church has no interest in pink hearts, stuffed teddy bears, boxes of chocolate, or sweet love notes. We won’t be taping little white bags across the altar for people to drop love notes and candy into like we used to do in elementary school. On the other hand, love is a central theme of all that we do. So, a day fully dedicated to love is actually perfect for the church.

There are certainly numerous examples throughout the Bible about the importance of love. When asked what is the greatest commandment, Jesus famously replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and Love your neighbor as yourself.” The Apostle Paul pinned the words, “Faith, Hope, and Love abide, but the greatest of these is love.” In the letter of 1 John we receive the challenge, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.” And of course, the four gospels highlight the overarching theme of God’s ultimate love for humankind. It is in the gospel of John, after all, that we hear the crucial words, “God so LOVED the world, that He gave us his only Son.” The Gospel of John in particular is not concerned as much with the details of how and why as it is with the signs and symbols of God. Therefore, it seems very appropriate that we in the church would highlight a day in which signs and symbols of love are highly encouraged.

How will you show the love of Christ this week? Remember that I love you, and more importantly, God loves you!
February 13, 2022  
6th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

*Prelude (St. Luke Orchestra) ......... "O God Our Help in Ages Past" .......... James Curnow

Welcome and Opening Prayer ................................................................. Rev. Brett Maddocks

*Hymn .................................. "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" ................. Number 158

***The Affirmation of Faith ............. "The Apostles’ Creed" ....................... Rev. Dick Reese

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) ......... "How Deep the Father’s Love for Us" .... Benjamin Harlan

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer ........................................................... Rev. 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 ................................. Mr. Marc Boensel

*Hymn ........................................... "Be Still My Soul" .......................... Number 534

Offertory Prayer ................................................................. Rev. Reese

Offertory (St. Luke Orchestra) ............. "Deep River" .......................... James Swearingen

*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.


*Hymn ........................................... "Be Thou My Vision" ........................ Number 451

*The Benediction ................................................................. Rev. Maddocks

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

Postlude (8:30 a.m. - Mr. Ken Bailey, organ) ....... "Fugue in Bb" ....................... J. S. Bach

(11:00 a.m. - St. Luke Orchestra) ............. "Fugue in Bb" ............................ J. S. Bach

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

Sunday, February 13
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org
CornerKidz K-3rd Grade
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Children's Choir (Choir Room)
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
12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
3-5:00 p.m. The Talk (Boys, SD, MIN)
5-6:00 p.m. Corner/Crosswalk Olympic Games (LD, MIN)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, February 14
11:30 a.m. Free Spirits Share the Love Luncheon (LD, MIN)
6:00 p.m. College House Worship (College House)
7:30 p.m. New Testament Study (College House)

Tuesday, February 15
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
College House Men's Small Group (College House)
9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (The Meeting Room)

Wednesday, February 16
7:00 a.m. College Guys Group (College House)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
6:30 p.m. Girls' High School Bible Study (The Corner, MIN)
Boys' High School Bible Study (The Amos' House)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
7:30 p.m. College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, February 17
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

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

Please join the
ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
for a
Share the Love Luncheon
Monday, Feb. 14th, 2022
11:30 a.m. Cost $10
For reservations, contact Kym
at 706-327-4343 or
e-mail kym@stlukeum.com

OUR CLERGY STAFF
Rev. Thad Haygood,
Senior Minister
Rev. Brett Maddocks
Associate Pastor
Rev. Dick Reese
Minister of Pastoral Care
Bishop James King
Bishop in Residence

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The serving line is open until 6:30 p.m. Please make or cancel reservations using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before noon on Monday.

Menu: Fried chicken, chicken marsala, baby carrots, rice, rolls, salad and assorted desserts.

Name: __________________________
Adolescents ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) __________Daytime Phone: ___________________________
E-mail: ___________________________________________________________________________

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WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:30 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Mildred Castellow Edge and Mr. Richard Castellow Edge on the occasion of their birthdays by Mrs. Richard C. Edge.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: February 27, March 27, and April 3. For more information on other open dates contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Bo (Haley) Galvin in the death of her father, Mr. Mark Durham, last week in Gainesville, GA.

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

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 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.
Children’s Choir rehearsals are during Sunday School 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, Choir Robe Fund, or Organ Fund.

Today’s Anthem: “How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of seeing loss, the Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. Behold a Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders, ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom, but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.”

IN MEMORIAM
Ms. Edna Ann Spencer
February 5, 2022

NEW MEMBERS: Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Lauren) White. Steve comes by transfer from another Methodist church. Lauren comes by transfer of membership from another denomination. Their three children are Conner, Charlotte, and Caroline.

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

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.
Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services for Corner Kidz. Also, Kindergarten Sunday School meets in room 108, 1st and 2nd grade in room 106, 3rd grade upstairs in the Commons area, and 4th and 5th grade in Stockwell Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE!** St. Luke Summer Camp IS happening this June! We’re headed to Shocco Springs June 17th through the 20th. All children completed 3rd through completed 6th are welcome. More info to come!

**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 Hubbard at mhubbard@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

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**MILITARY MINISTRY**
For information about volunteering with St Luke’s CRU Military team to serve basic trainees on post or to volunteer with the military ministry, please contact Nicole Mayne nmayne@stlukeum.com.

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**RESPITE CARE IS OPEN!**
**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
St. Luke Respite Ministry is accepting new participants with early stages of Alzheimer’s on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information you may call Kathryn Fussell, 706.256.3117.

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**FAMILY AND LEISURE MINISTRIES**
**Date Night:**
Saturday March 19th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Stumpy's Hatchet House.
Childcare provided at the church. Sign up via the church website https://saintlukecolumbus.org/events/
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 Gabriel's Gowns Fund: In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Gabe Denes by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boers and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey. In memory of Gabriel Max Denes and in honor of Mrs. Kay Denes and Mrs. Annette Pollock by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Holman.

NOTE: DUE TO SUPERBOWL SUNDAY MEET @ 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. THIS SUNDAY NIGHT MS BIBLE STUDY IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL.

HS GIRLS BIBLE STUDY IS 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT THE CORNER.

HS BOYS BIBLE STUDY IS 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT TRIP AND JENIFER AMOS' HOUSE

College House

For more information contact Kami Davidson at k davidson@stlukeum.com IG @collegehouse_ FB College House Ministries

The Bible Project: video and discussion

Valentine's Day Party!
February 14th 7pm
No Romance Here... but lots of love, food, games, and prizes!
See you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
Outdated
By Jonathan Fields
A small group study on why we date, who we date, and how we date.
7 PM AT THE COLLEGE HOUSE

Corner - Crosswalk OLYMPIC GAMES
February 13 - 5-6 pm
February 20 - 5-7 pm
Large Dining Room
Wear Red, White & Blue Crazy Olympic Games
Food, Snacks, Soft Drinks