

The Acts

April 14, 2021

Saint Luke Foundation Sunday

Sunday, April 11th was Saint Luke Foundation Sunday. We were pleased to be able to award grants totaling **\$50,000.00** this year. Each year, grants are distributed to various charities and seminarians. Categories for consideration are: Hunger and Human Needs and Sanford Area Ministries; New Church and Extension Ministries; Seminarian Scholarships; and Capital Improvements at Saint Luke UMC. Those who were awarded grants this year are:

- ◆ *The Ark Ministry*
- ◆ *Blessed to Be a Blessing*
- ◆ *Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County*
- ◆ *Bread of Life*
- ◆ *Christian Healthcare Adult Daycare*
- ◆ *Christians United Outreach Center*
- ◆ *CUOC—Backpack Pals Program*
- ◆ *Enrichment Center of Lee County*
- ◆ *Family Promise*
- ◆ *HAVEN in Lee County*
- ◆ *Joseph Ministry*
- ◆ *Lee County Industries*
- ◆ *Lee County Partnership for Children and Families*
- ◆ *Outreach Mission*
- ◆ *El Refugio / The Refuge*
- ◆ *Salvation Army*
- ◆ *Saint Luke Preschool*
- ◆ *The Feast Gathering (Wilmington)*
- ◆ *Saint Luke Library Committee*
- ◆ *Elias Ballew (Seminarian)*
- ◆ *Saint Luke Board of Trustees*

These grants, which are made possible by your generous donations over the years, enable these charities to continue to help and serve our community, and are especially needed during these trying times. Donations to the Saint Luke Foundation are always welcome, and you can be assured that all funds given will help make a difference in our church, in our community, and in the world. Checks may be made payable to the Saint Luke Foundation and may be mailed to the church office, or placed in the offering on Sundays. If you'd like more information about how to include the Saint Luke Foundation in your estate planning, contact any member of the Board. Your Saint Luke Foundation Board members for 2020–2021 are: Dr. Dean Kesler, Chair; Ellen Mangum, Treasurer; Shay Benton, Christian Davenport, Phil Drye, Ed Garrison, Ted Havens, Jan Hayes, Cliff Stephens, Renee Keen, Keith Gallagher, and Ed Spidler.



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Pastor Weekend On-Call Schedule

April 16-17: Rev. Eddie Hill (910-612-3184)

April 23-24: Rev. Eddie Hill (910-612-3184)

Church Office Hours: 8:00—4:30 Monday-Thursday. Closed on Fridays.



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Saint Luke UMC Calendar of Events

April 14—April 21, 2021

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 am All Day After School Program
 8:30 am Preschool
 9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live
 10:00 am Funeral Service for Pat Elder—
 Miller-Boles Funeral Home
 12:00 pm Youth Trip to Camp Rockfish

Thursday, April 15

8:00 am All Day After School Program
 8:30 am Preschool
 10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study—
 Rooms #222/224 and #221/223
 1:00 pm Bible Gals—Room #227
 5:00 pm Saint Luke Walking Club—Parking Lot
 6:00 pm VBS Planning Meeting—Room #227

Friday, April 16

8:00 am All Day After School Program
 8:30 am Preschool

Saturday, April 17

Sunday, April 18

9:00 am Worship Service —DCLC,
 Facebook Live and YouTube Live
 11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary, Facebook
 Live and YouTube Live
 12:00 pm Drive-by Blessings—Parker Chapel
 Overhang
 4:00 pm Pathfinders and Summit—Lawn and
 Picnic Shelter
 5:00 pm UMYF—Lawrence Outdoor Chapel
 6:00 pm Confirmation Class—Session 4

Monday, April 19

8:00 am All Day After School Program
 8:30 am Preschool

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 am All Day After School Program
 8:30 am Preschool
 10:00 am Saint Luke Walking Club—Parking Lot
 6:30 pm So Will Wek / ARK Team Meeting—
 Room #222/224

Wednesday, April 21

8:00 am All Day After School Program
 8:30 am Preschool
 9:00 am Midweek Message—Facebook Live

At Saint Luke United Methodist Church, we are committed to loving God and loving others. One of the ways we show this commitment in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic is by wearing a mask. A mask is an outward sign of the love and care we have for others. As we continue to grow in grace, we want to ensure that we are doing our part to “do no harm” in this season. Thank you for doing all you can to Love God and Love Others at Saint Luke and in our community.



Come and Worship!

Since more people are now vaccinated against Covid-19, the number of new cases is decreasing, and citing the Governor’s new guidelines for gatherings, we can now have up to 197 people in the sanctuary and 250 in the DCLC during worship. At their March 22nd meeting, the Trustees approved a return to singing (masked) during our worship services. We are still following the guidelines of wearing masks, staying socially distanced, not hugging, not shaking hands, and not lingering after the service, **but it is so good to be in the house of the Lord and to sing His praises again!** Come and worship with us safely!

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’” Psalm 122:1

The Pastors' Page

"I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon." Hosea 14:5-7

My friends, spring has arrived! The evidence of this glorious fact is turning our cars a suspicious shade of yellow and making our noses tingle. Trees that were once barren are once again filled with luscious green leaves. Gardens all over town are bursting with brilliant and extraordinary color. It seems as though creation is taking a collective deep breath as the darkness of winter gives way to the possibility of new life.

In my three short years of living in and around the Sanford area, I have decided that spring is my favorite season in this area. One of my favorite things to do on a Saturday morning is to sit on my front porch swing with a cup of coffee and just rest in the beauty of God's creation. There is a certain crispness to the air as the thin layer of dew on the landscape evaporates. It is almost as if the water that collected overnight gives the plants all they need to radiate brilliance and life in the day to come. It's as if the few droplets of life-giving water inspire an innate sense of hope in the potential of the day that awaits. In those quiet moments before my household awakens, as I immerse myself in creation, I too find rest, and renewal, and hope in what is to come.

As I meditate on this season of spring and new life, I find myself gravitating toward the prophet Hosea. Every time I read Hosea, I find a beautiful story of redemption, love, and forgiveness. I encounter a God whose unfathomable love has no bounds. Through the movement and rhythm of the poetry and metaphorical language, I am reminded that no matter how divided we are, no matter how far we run from the place God would have us to be ... God is with us. No matter the distance, God's grace is sustaining us, holding open the door beckoning us back.

It is in this place of holy reunion where we encounter the beautiful image Hosea gives to us in the scripture above. It sounds like spring, doesn't it? In the paradise that these words weave together, we see the beautiful lily blossoms and the luscious trees. We smell the fragrance of cedar that wafts around us. Then, we hear God say, "I will be like the dew." The source of life that quietly sustains the people of Israel. It is the dew that protects the plants and keeps them from losing the moisture already collected. It is a small, inconspicuous part of the process that allows the plant to continue to grow in the way it should grow.

So often, this is how God works—in the background and behind the scenes. Evidence of God's sustaining presence can be found in the places we wouldn't think to look for God, in the things that we often take for granted. Something as simple as water that quenches thirst. Something as simple as a deep, cleansing breath that reorients us. Evidence of God can be seen whenever and wherever hope abounds and new life is found.

God can and will use anything and everything to guide us on this journey of life. The question is ... will we notice? Will we fine tune our perception, so we can see how God is quietly and inconspicuously sustaining us?

As we continue to experience the vibrant colors of spring and the hope of new life, may we take notice of the ways God is working behind the scenes. May we rest in the assurance that our strength and our hope come from the Source of Life, the dew of Living Water, Jesus our Savior.

Pastor Marisa



It's Sweet Summer Time at Saint Luke After School Care

We are going to offer all-day summer camps for friends who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Camps will begin the week of June 7th and continue through the week of August 16th, with the exception of the week following July 4th. Each week we will have a different theme and we will fully explore that theme with art, cooking, field trips, mission projects, devotions and so much more. The hours will be 8:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. The cost is \$125.00 a week with a one-time non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00 per family. The fee will include snacks, supplies and some of the field trip costs. Please join us and bring a friend or two!

For more information or to enroll, please email afterschool@saintlukeumc.org or call 919-777-5444 or 919-770-0607.

Weekly themes include:

- ◆ Kids in the Kitchen
- ◆ Science Excitement
- ◆ Art and Animals
- ◆ Wild West/Farmers Week
- ◆ Water Week
- ◆ Christmas In July
- ◆ Sports Week
- ◆ Community Helpers Week
- ◆ Music Week
- ◆ Favorites Week

Enrollment is limited,
so hurry to
reserve your spot!



Don't miss the Summer Fun!!

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Change Happens!! Directory Updates Needed!

Our most recently printed Church Directory was done in 2017—and a lot can change in four years! As you may remember, about this time last year, we asked for updated pictures and information to help our new pastors get to know our congregation. Many of you responded, and we updated all the pictures and information that we were given, and printed a copy for each of our new pastors. Now it's the congregation's turn! We are planning to do a new print version of the directory which will be available to the congregation. As we did in 2017, there will be a nominal fee to cover the cost of printing and supplies. **We want the new directory to be as accurate and up-to-date as possible, so we are asking for your newest contact information and your most up-to-date pictures!** We will be making the updates in April and May, and the books will be printed and available in mid-June. SO!! Here we go again! *Have you moved? Have you done away with your land line? Have you changed your email address? Have your children grown—or have you had a new baby? Have you changed your telephone number? Let us know!!* Please fill out and return the enclosed information sheet to the church office as soon as possible. If you have a recent digital picture that you would like to submit, you can email it to laura@saintlukeumc.org. Pictures can be as formal or as informal as you would like. They can be taken indoors or outdoors—and can even include the family pet. If you don't have a recent picture and would like to have your picture taken at church before or after Sunday worship or on a weekday during office hours, please call Laura in the church office (919-776-2012) to set up an appointment.

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Thank you, Scouts!!

On Tuesday night, our Scouts provided some muscle and person-power to help get the area around the new playground ready for grading and grass to be planted. The Scouts moved a cube of bricks and stored them for later use and moved a heavy picnic table to a

new location. Thank you for living out the Scout Oath by **helping other people at all times** and **keeping yourselves physically strong** and honoring the Scout Law by being **helpful!** We are grateful for your service and your help! Thanks to all of you and your leaders!





St. Luke After School Care

Register Now for 2021-2022

It's Registration time for Saint Luke After School Care program for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration for all students is open now. We will begin After School Care in mid-July with our Tramway students and then at the end of August for our traditional students. We will be picking up students from W.B. Wicker Elementary, B.T. Bullock Elementary, Greenwood Elementary and Tramway Elementary. J.R. Ingram students will come to us by way of a Lee County Schools bus. Our hours are from 2:30 to 5:30, Monday – Friday. For more information or to enroll, please call 919-777-5444 or 919-770-0607 or send an email inquiry to us at after-school@saintlukeumc.org.

We've Lost a Friend



We are saddened to report the loss of our friend, Patricia Elder. Mrs. Elder's memorial service will be held Wednesday, April 14th at 10:00 am at the Miller-Boles Funeral Home Chapel. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron and his family at this difficult time.



Emmaus News

Greetings!

The Heart Of Carolina Emmaus Community has set the following dates for Walk to Emmaus weekends:

April 28-May 1, 2022, walk 144
(for women)

September 22-25, 2022, walk 145
(for men)

October 20-23, 2022, walk 146
(for women)

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual walk of Christian spiritual renewal based on the story found in the Bible in Luke 24:13-35.

Each walk begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening.

Have questions? Just curious? Want to know more? Ask Nita and Preacher Eddie, Beverly Suitt, or Kathy and Ronnie Jones. Next week, another list ... we have about 100 members who have walked.

Fairway District UMM

Golf Tournament

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 1:30 pm



Sanford Golf Course

600 Golf Course Lane Sanford, NC

(Proceeds to fund FDUMM Scholarship Fund)

4 Person Captain's Choice
\$65 individual; \$260 team

Individual registrants will be placed on a team.
(Includes: green fee, cart, range balls & mulligans
and a boxed meal after golf)

Prizes for the top three teams, longest drive,
and closest to the pin on all Par 3s.

Registration Deadline: July 23rd

Registration forms are available in the church office.



Saint Luke

Good News from the Trustees! New Guidelines

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 12th and approved the following new guidelines for Saint Luke. New guidance from the CDC and Governor Cooper, coupled with the rate of vaccination for North Carolinians, has paved the way for us to begin to return to some of our pre-pandemic activities, albeit slowly and carefully.

1. The Governor has increased the number of people who may meet indoors—and we have followed suit! ***We may now have up to 50 people at indoor gatherings and up to 100 people at outdoor gatherings.*** Masks and social distancing are still required for all gatherings.
2. ***There's no longer a need to pre-register or sign up to come to worship—just come!*** We do ask that you sign in when you arrive for contact tracing purposes, and so that we will have a record of your attendance. Please be sure to list the names of all family members who attend. Our Sunday morning worship allowances are still at 30% occupancy, which is 197 in the sanctuary and 250 in the Davenport Christian Life Center.
3. ***Groups who meet at mealtimes may now eat inside the building, provided they bring individually packed meals—no cooking, and no serving from a common dish or tray.*** Masks are still required during the meetings when you are not actively eating. We are still on a modified cleaning schedule with our cleaning service, so we ask that you please help us at the conclusion of your meeting by sanitizing your meeting space with the supplies provided and removing any trash you bring in.

We appreciate the work the Trustees have done in keeping us all safe from the beginning of the pandemic until now. Thank you! The Trustees will continue to re-evaluate and will keep us updated as we begin to return to a more normal church life.

Know Your Ws

WEAR a cloth covering over your nose and mouth.

WAIT 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.

WASH your hands often or use hand sanitizer.



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a cloth face
covering.



WAIT
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Get All the Latest NC Conference News!

We are excited to announce a new app for mobile devices (iOS, Android, and Amazon) and a new TV app for Apple TV and Roku to help you stay connected with the NC Conference. You can receive notifications, see all the latest updates and news from the Conference, and watch videos and listen to podcasts – all from one convenient place! For more information go to: <https://nccumc.org/news/2021/04/conference-launches-new-mobile-and-tv-apps/>



HEADED TO COLLEGE?

Scholarships Available!

There are several scholarships available to high school seniors and returning college students. Applications for all of these scholarships are available in the church office or by email. (Contact Laura in the church office).

◆ **The Jane I. Foushee Scholarship** is available to high school seniors. It is a \$4,000 scholarship (\$1,000 per year for four years), and is awarded based on financial need, scholastic achievement, extracurricular involvement in school and community, and church involvement. You do not have to be a member of Saint Luke to apply. Deadline is April 30, 2021.

◆ **The Retha Moffitt Smith Scholarship and Loan** is a \$500 or more award and will be granted to Saint Luke members and children of members who have made an outstanding contribution to Saint Luke as deemed by the scholarship committee. Past recipients remain eligible, but must reapply. Deadline is April 30, 2021.

◆ **The Saint Luke United Methodist Church Scholarship** is awarded to all high school seniors who are members of Saint Luke and complete and return the application and essay by the deadline of April 30, 2021.

Applications for all of the above scholarships must be received in the church office by April 30, 2021.

◆ There is also a scholarship available through the **ABC Board**. This is a \$2,500 scholarship, and there are 25 scholarships available. All high school seniors living in Sanford/Lee County are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 19, 2021. Applications for the ABC Board Scholarship must be mailed to 2116 South Horner Boulevard, Sanford, NC 27330 by April 19th.

More Scholarships!



◆ **Good – Kile Scholarship**

Interested students should be graduating high school or currently enrolled in an accredited 4-year university or college. Priority is given to Engineering and Science majors. This scholarship is administered by the United Methodist Foundation in Raleigh. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2021.

◆ **Fairway District UM Men Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to all young men 25 years of age or younger who are members of a United Methodist Church in the Fairway District and who will be attending an accredited college or graduate school in the 2021-2022 academic year. The deadline to apply is July 3, 2021.



Sign up for the Amazon Smile Program!

Have you ever heard of the Amazon Smile Program? This program enables consumers to not only purchase goods and products from Amazon Smile but also designate donations of 0.5% of the monetary value of selected/eligible purchases to a charitable organization. We are asking you to designate Saint Luke United Methodist Church. The process is quite simple and an effective program in generating donations.

How do we do this? We ask that all congregation members who have an Amazon account to simply paste the link at smile.amazon.com. As you open this site, you will see the button, "Get Started." Click it. Fill in your Amazon account email/phone number and password. As it opens then choose the category, religious. Then, type in Saint Luke United Methodist Church where you will find our church address here in Sanford. Designate us as your charity. Wow. You're done. Now when you make online purchases, type in the site in your web browser, smile.Amazon.Com. Find your purchases and it should capture these contributions to the church. Thank you for participating!



YOUTH

NEWS



SENIOR SUNDAY!!

✦ Attention all seniors! We know that this school year has been especially challenging and our seniors have had to miss out on many things that they have been looking forward to. At Saint Luke we want to honor and celebrate all of the

things that our graduates have accomplished in a BIG way! Senior Sunday will be **May, 16, 2021**. **To participate, please contact Pastor Marisa by calling the church office or by email at mcopeland@nccumc.org. You will receive a senior packet with all the information you need to know.**

UMYF REGULAR SCHEDULE

✦ All youth (Grades 6—12) are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings from 5—6 pm! Bring your friends!! Please be sure to wear your mask and be ready to have a great time of fellowship! Join us for fun, fellowship, and discipleship. See you on Sunday at 5 pm!!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Tuesday, April 27th
1:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Davenport CLC

To make an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive. At the prompt, type in our zip code (27330), and scroll down to April 27—Saint Luke UMC.

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for April 18, 2021

Acts 3:12-19
 Psalm 4
 I John 3:1-7
 Luke 24:36b-48



Pathfinders (K—2nd Graders) and Summit (3rd—5th Graders) will meet together (masked, outside, and socially distanced) from 4—5 pm each Sunday afternoon at the Picnic Shelter and the lawn area outside the Harriss Youth House.

We are looking forward to seeing you ALL on Sunday, April 18th at 4 pm!!



Native American Ministries Annual Offering

Sunday, April 18th is Native American Ministries Sunday. In addition to helping our Native American communities in times of crisis, your gift to this annual special offering supports Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.

If you'd like to contribute, please make your check payable to Saint Luke UMC, marked "Native American Ministries Sunday" on the memo line. Checks may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

PROMISES



Heartfelt thanks from Katherine Holt and Nita Gregory Hill, as well as the ARK ministry, for all of our volunteer artists and budding artists who have helped create our beautiful PROMISES cards!

Every week, ARK volunteers place a PROMISES card in each meal that is served on Sunday afternoons. Each card has a scripture on the front created by one of our artistic church members, with a blessing for the meal (and church contact info) on the back.

We currently have artwork through August for our PROMISES cards—THANK YOU! **We need additional artwork for September-December.** Many of our artists / volunteers are creating a month's worth of artwork for us to duplicate (a huge shout-out to Laura Alverson for her assistance with making our copies each week!).

The artistic talent in our church family is amazing. We invite you or your small group (i.e., Sunday School class, UMW circle, UMM, youth, children, etc.) to prayerfully consider contributing some artwork (with scripture incorporated) for this outreach. We want to show our neighbors in a very personal, creative, and heartfelt way that we at Saint Luke truly care about them.

The size needed is 5.5 x 4.25 inches (the equivalent to an 8.5 X 11 piece of paper folded in half twice). If it is produced larger than that, it needs to be proportionate so that it is still legible when reduced for printing and duplication.

For questions or to get on our calendar, contact Katherine Holt (katherine@saintlukeumc.org) or Nita Gregory Hill (nitaghill@gmail.com). Nita will send you your scripture assignment(s).

God is a God of PROMISES! Let's share them with the world and our community!



The ARK Ministry

There are many ways you can help with this ministry which provides direct aid to some of our neighbors most in need. Volunteers are always welcome!

To volunteer, please reach out to the lead cook for the week you'd like to serve. If that week's jobs are filled, you will be added to the list for another week.



Lead Cooks in the Coming Weeks

April 18th	SAINT LUKE YOUTH
April 25th	Renee Keen (919-708-2495)
May 2nd	Ned Heins (919-353-5259)
May 9th	Kim Hales (919-498-4301)
May 16th	Daltina Peele (919-770-0627)
May 23rd	Terri Kirkman (919-774-2779)
May 30th	Kim Hales (919-498-4301)

Ways you can help:

- ♥ Pack meals
- ♥ Restock the ARK
- ♥ Help deliver meals
- ♥ Pull the ARK with your truck on Sundays
- ♥ Bake a dessert to go with the meal
- ♥ Clean up afterward

EXTRA HELP NEEDED ON UPCOMING HOLIDAY WEEK-ENDS!! If you are available to help on Mother's Day, and/or Memorial Day Weekend (May 30th) - WE NEED YOU!! Contact Terri Kirkman at 919-774-2779 if you can help on any of those days.



The ARK Ministry Toiletry Kits

On any given Sunday, "The Ark" serves as a refuge for many of our local neighbors. They need a hot meal, a friendly hello,

warm clothes (especially a coat), shoes, blankets, sleeping bags, toiletries, etc. Some of these are basic human needs which we take for granted. Toiletry kits are a treasure and a blessing to those who are lucky enough to get one! However, we most

often run out of this treasured item. The Ark Team would like to ask Sunday School classes, Circles, UMYF, UMW, UMM, and Children to participate in a year-round collection to offer these blessings to ALL in need on a weekly basis. If your class, group, or individuals would like to participate, please select an item or two from the list below and let Terri Kirkman or Laura Alverson know which items you will supply.

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|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| ◆ Men's Socks | ◆ Cheese Stick | ◆ Toilet Paper |
| ◆ Women's Socks | ◆ Granola Bars | ◆ Paper Towels |
| ◆ Ponchos | ◆ Hand Sanitizer | ◆ Hand Lotion |

Also, if you have Travel-size Shampoo to share, that would be very much appreciated!



Many thanks to Will and Rebecca Harris for supplying Beef Jerky/Meat Sticks, the Scouts for supplying 100 First-Aid Kits, Becky Whitaker for supplying feminine products; the Asbury Class for supplying toothbrushes and toothpaste; to the Biddle Class for supplying soap and deodorant; to the Benton family for supplying Nabs; and to the Something More Class for supplying wipes and Chap-Stick. The items in the article above are still needed. Let us know if you'd like to be responsible for supplying them!

These Shoes Were Made for **WALKING!**



Are you a woman who likes to walk? Our Women's Walking Club meets twice a week (weather permitting) for fun, fellowship, and exercise. Lace up your walking shoes and join us! Meet us in the church parking lot at the appointed times and we will walk the church grounds together. You do not have to attend both meetings each week. Just come to the one that best fits your schedule. We look forward to walking with you!

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Thursdays at **5:00 pm (New Time!)**

If you have questions, contact Pastor Marisa in the church office.

FOR WE WALK BY *faith*
NOT BY SIGHT.
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

Blessed to Be a Blessing

The Blessed to Be a Blessing team is restructuring this ministry to better serve the needs of our community. **Please do not bring clothing donations for Blessed to Be a Blessing until further notice!!** Local thrift stores would be glad to have your items!

The Ark Ministry can currently accept the following clothing items **ONLY: adult-sizes of jeans and sweatpants, quarter-zips, hoodies, thermals, gently used tennis shoes and winter boots, and warm coats in all sizes, especially larger men's sizes. We are also still accepting blankets.**

Thank you for your faithful support of these ministries that serve to be the hands and feet of Jesus for our neighbors in need!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to Purchase a Brick in the Eagles' Nest Playground Walkway!

As our Eagles' Nest Playground project nears completion, we wanted you to know that it's not too late to be a part of it! Donations are still being accepted, and donations of \$500 or more can still be acknowledged with an engraved brick in our walkway. These funds will help with our last-minute expenses, as well as maintenance of our beautiful new playground. Checks may be made payable to Saint Luke UMC, marked "Playground Fund" on the memo line.



It's Not Too Late to Make a Pledge

If you'd like to support Saint Luke United Methodist Church and its many ministries and programs during 2021, it's not too late to make a pledge. Call, email, or text Lisa Wilson, Financial Controller, at lisa@saintlukeumc.org or 919-353-0281.

We **GIVE**
because He first
GAVE

Outreach & serve Missions

Being God's hands and feet



Volunteers are needed to PACK BACKPACKS for Backpack Pals on Thursdays. Four people are needed each week on Thursdays from 9—11 am at CUOC. If

you are able and would like to help, please contact Terri Kirkman at 919-774-2779 or terrikirkman@allstate.com.

Donations of non-perishable food for Christians United Outreach Center are needed! Due to the Covid



-19 crisis, many families have lost income, and therefore need help with food. Please remember the needs of our less-fortunate neighbors and add a few items to your grocery cart for them. Suggested items are: peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, canned vegetables, rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta and spaghetti sauces, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, grits, canned soups, and crackers. Donations may be brought to the Collection Closet in the Williams Lobby on Sunday mornings, or between 8 am and 4:30 pm Mondays through Thursdays. Also please save your plastic grocery bags and bring them along with your food donations.

We have plenty of egg cartons now, so no need to save them for us at this time. Thank you!!

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?'
And I said, 'Here am I. Send me.'"
Isaiah 6:8

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Calling All "Techies"!! WE REALLY NEED YOU!

Do you like computers? Do you consider yourself someone who is a "techie"? Then, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are in search of anyone who is willing to serve as part of our Technology Team. We want to continue sharing God's love to all by offering the utmost for the Highest.

This team will help our church do just that by navigating the rising virtual and sound needs of our congregation. If you are interested, please contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.



with God
All things
are possible
MATTHEW 19:26



Stay In the Saint Luke Loop!

To sign up to receive **informational text messages from the church** on an "as-needed" basis, simply text the message "@stlukeinfo" to 81010.

If you don't text and would like to receive this information via a **phone call**, please contact Laura in the church office.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 14 — April 21

Birthdays:

(4/14) Lexie Anne Brown
Jan Harris
Donna Heiser
Sylvia Pepper

(4/15) Dee-El Caines
Ashley Davenport
Suzi Osborne

(4/16) Jake Britt
Noah Britt
Bill Hart
Lynne Hattaway
Lloyd Jennings

(4/17) Jan Hayes

(4/18) Pressley Hales

(4/19) Nick Worrell

(4/20) Rebecca Harris
Marsha Havens

(4/21) Kristy Arey
Chris Key

Anniversaries:

(4/18) Brian & Jan Smith

(4/20) Stan & Kim Hales



membership

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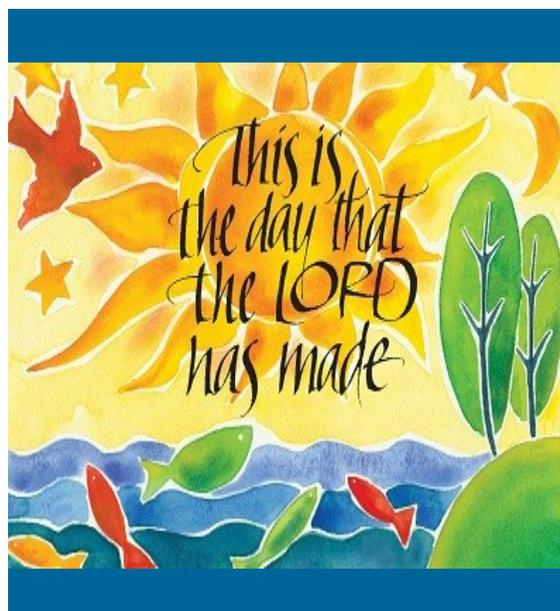
FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT as of April 11, 2021

Gen. Fund Beginning Balance 1/1/2021	\$215,629.15	
General Fund Income YTD	\$248,098.50	
General Fund Expense Paid YTD	\$331,196.15	
Loan from Sustaining Fund		\$0.00
Balance in Mary Tulluck Fund	\$17,915.15	
Payroll Protection Plan—2		\$83,500.00

April Attendance

Total April Attendance	2019	2020	2021
Week 1	317	*613	*1405
Week 2	323	*1516	*699
Week 3	470	*1131	
Week 4	316	*891	
Week 5			
April Average	357	*1038	*1052

Before / After 24 Hours Streaming. *Includes Facebook, You Tube and In Person



Saint Luke's DAILY PRAYER



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Prayer Requests

Received as of April 14, 2021

Our Known Prayer Needs

Herb Armstrong	Keith Garner (US Navy)	Susan Larsen	Jean Nisbet
Edna Atkinson	Teresa Glasco	Sarah Lawrence	Ron Perkinson
Holly Baker	Shirley Gwaltney	Dorothy Lloyd	Ellen Potter
Judy Baker	Harry Hattman	Annie MacKay	Dicke Sloop
Earl Ballinger	Ginnie Hawley	Nancy McBryde	Irene Smith
Dicki Caines	Marsha Havens	Tyson McCoy	Sara Steinert
Kim Fasick Chandler	Oliver Hughes	Hayden McDuffie	Mackenzie Stinson
Jack Clements	Lloyd Jennings	Shirlee McVicker	Georgia Kate Tatum
Doris Cox	Roy and Billie Jernigan	George and Theresa Miller	Berta Thomas
Sarah Curry	Mary Kesler	Wilma Money	Eugene Thomas
Helen Dusenbury	Claudia Key	Herman Neal	Carole Troutman
Janet Duty	Larry King	Parker Normann	
Linda Fowler			

Other Known Prayer Requests

Ann Alford	Jeff Felthaus	Deborah Jones	Archie Reed
Jamey Allen	Michele Ferro	Joe Lawrence	Matthew Richardson
Hal Atkinson	Kester Gaylord	Hubert Maples	Susan Ritchie
Cheryl Bennett	John Gilmore	Scott Marchant	Lori Rouse
Lonnie Bunch	James and Rhonda Gordon	Richard (Dick) McDonie	David Sowards
Ronald Campbell	Denise Gray	Mary McGrath	Shirley Thomas
Wendy Carlyle	Joan Griswold	Daniel Newman	Doby Touchton
Kim Clarey	Gene Harris	Audrey Newton	David Uzzell
Andrew Dickens	Jordan Harris	Ellen O'Malia	Mitchell Watson
Paul Dickens	Rev. Al Hocutt	Wade Peele, Sr.	Roger Watson
Pat Dillon	Debra Hughes	Jeanne Pelkey	Charlie Welborn
Brian Drye	Charlie Johnstone	Phoebe Phelps	Sandy Wilson
Rev. Tom Faggart	Becky Jones	Doug Phillips	Ricky Yarborough

Sympathy to . . .

Ronald Elder and family in the loss of his wife, Patricia Elder.

Our Known Births

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List or to request a pastoral visit, please use a Prayer Request card or call the church office.

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Sunday Service Times

8:45 a.m.—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel (on hiatus during Covid)

9:00 a.m.—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 a.m.—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. (on hiatus during Covid)

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

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