

The Acts

February 18, 2026

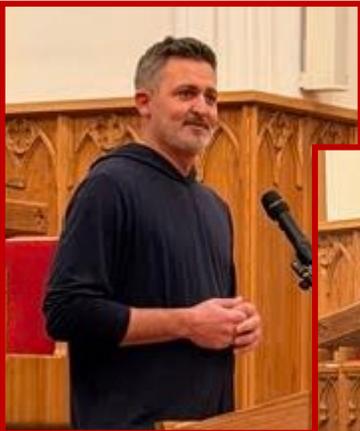
We Are Renewed! "This Is Our Story"

Our 2026 Renewal services were held last week. The theme was "This Is Our Story," and we heard three powerful testimonies from three inspiring individuals.

Monday night's speaker was Danny Borrell, a former Lee Senior star baseball player. After playing baseball collegiately at Wake Forest University, Danny went on to a minor-league career with the New York Yankees. Unfortunately, injuries derailed his professional pitching career. Danny left the mound but was hired as Pitchers Coordinator for the entire New York Yankees' organization. After his time with the Yankees, Danny took a job as the Pitching Coach for Georgia Tech before moving on to work with a player development organization in the Atlanta area. Danny shared how it was his faith in God that got him through his heartbreak and disappointments. It was his professional setbacks that helped him to draw closer to God, as well as become a better husband and father. And by the way, Danny asked his wife to marry him while they were both in Saint Luke's Preschool.

On Tuesday night, Elizabeth Hart Lindsey, who is the daughter of Beth and Danny Hart, shared about the non-profit organization that she and her husband founded called Dream On 3. Elizabeth's husband Brandon felt God calling him to this ministry which grants sports-related wishes to children with life-altering (not necessarily life-threatening) conditions. After having embarked on this journey, God used their experiences and contacts they had made through that organization in an incredible way when their own daughter was involved in a car wreck. Elizabeth spoke of this life-altering event and how God was with them throughout. Their daughter Hannah is in college and continues to progress, to which Elizabeth gives God all of the glory.

Wednesday night's speaker was Becky Balentine. Becky shared from her life story which included terrible hardships in her childhood. After having heard God calling her to follow Him, Becky was led to a job on the staff at Hayes Barton United Methodist in Raleigh. Becky also shared of the loss of her adult son in a car accident. It was God's presence which helped her through this very dark time in her journey. Now, at 85 years old, Becky is still on the church staff and is still praising and serving God.



Pastor Weekend Emergency On-Call Schedule (984-977-1798)

February 20-21: Rev. Charlotte Brendel

February 27-28: Rev. Eddie Hill

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



SAINT LUKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God. Loving Others.
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**Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events**

February 18—February 25, 2026

Wednesday, February 18

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service—Casey Chapel
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service—Sanctuary

Thursday, February 19

10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223
12:00 pm Keenagers—Room #222/224
5:30 pm Pickleball—Davenport CLC
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Sunday, February 22

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service—Davenport CLC
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm #231
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 pm Marigolds and Roses Event –
Davenport CLC and Parkview
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
4:30 pm Kingdom Kids—Room #114
4:30 pm JAM—DCLC and Room #116/118
4:30 pm UMYF—Harriss Youth House

Monday, February 23

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee—Virtual
7:00 pm Shepherding Committee—Room #227

Tuesday, February 24

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
7:00 pm Missions Committee—Room #227

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Davenport CLC
9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
12:00 pm Lenten Service and Lunch—DCLC
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Music Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Preparing for Worship ...



Scriptures for February 22, 2026

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19
Mark 9:30-37



*Flower
Donations*

To reserve a date to place flowers in one of our worship services in honor or memory of loved ones, or to celebrate a special occasion, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.



*Welcome,
Rev. Ben Williams!*

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Ben Williams to each of our worship services on Sunday, February 22. Rev. Williams was

born and raised in Wilson, NC, and earned a BS in Business from Wake Forest University and a Master of Divinity from Duke University. He currently serves as President and CEO of the Methodist Home for Children. Prior to stepping into this role, he served as senior pastor at Christ UMC in Durham for seven years, 13 years at St. Mark's UMC in Raleigh, and as Associate Pastor at Millbrook UMC. He has a passion for improving the lives of children, youth, and families, and has created, led, and inspired many programs that serve families in some of their most challenging moments. We look forward to hearing the message that God gives him to share with us!

The Pastors' Page

"The Lord talked to Hagar. She began to use a new name for God. She said to him, "You are 'God Who Sees Me.'" She said this because she thought, "I see that even in this place, God sees me and cares for me." Genesis 16:13

"But God." The word "but" is a small word, just a simple conjunction. It is used to show a contrast or opposition between two elements, thoughts, or facts. It indicates a shift or change in direction from one part to the next. Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines it using this phrase: "except for the fact."

When you see the word, "but," it serves as an "except for the fact" contrast to show a change of direction or outcome from what was first expressed. We see many instances throughout scripture of things that were one way, but then a "but God" moment followed and brought a different outcome. Things might have appeared as though they were one way, "except for the fact" there was a "but God" action to follow that brought rescue, direction, peace, healing, restoration, strength, miracles, hope.

One of my favorite scriptures is Genesis 16:13 where we learn one of the names of God, El Roi, which means "The God Who Sees," or "The God Who Sees Me." One of my favorite translations of this verse says it like this, "The Lord talked to Hagar. She began to use a new name for God. She said to him, "You are 'God Who Sees Me.'" She said this because she thought, "I see that even in this place, God sees me and cares for me." I love this because it tells us that no matter what life looks like, wherever we are, whatever season of life we find ourselves in, in the best of times and in the "even in this place" kind of times, God sees you.

Whatever situation we face, it's a comforting and powerful reminder that no matter what fact, report, or expected outcome we might initially encounter, there is always a "but God" declaration that can bring a shift, a turn, an "except for the fact" truth to our current perspective and reality. It reminds us that we have a greater reality, a greater fact, a greater truth that trumps whatever else was said or done before. It reminds us that our God sees us and cares for us.

No matter what we face, no matter how hopeless, helpless, devastating, or dark things may look or feel, we have an "except for the fact" truth that stands in bright contrast: but God. In these simple, small words, we can both acknowledge the reality and pain of the past or present, and declare in contrast to it:

But God is greater.

But God is more than enough.

But God is abounding in love and faithfulness.

But God is able.

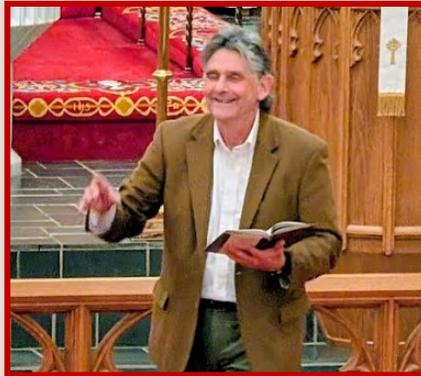
Because it's not just something He does, it's who He is, and He will never stop seeing us.

Katherine

We Are Renewed!



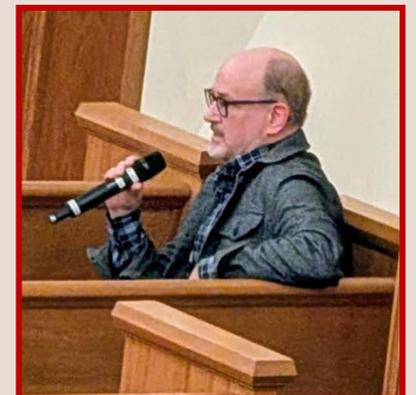
Each night of our Renewal services featured special music. Monday night we were blessed by Chad Spivey and the "Back Row Baptists," who played several selections including some music by the Red Clay Strays.



On Tuesday night, the group that was scheduled to play had to cancel due to illness, so instead, we had an old-fashioned "hymn sing" using the Cokesbury hymnal, with Preacher Eddie as the "emcee." Those present were able to call out the number of their favorite hymn and our very own Rodney Oldham provided awesome accompaniment on the piano as the congregation sang.



On Wednesday night, the Salt Creek Bluegrass and Gospel Band provided a toe-tapping good time and some great bluegrass music.



During each service, those who were gathered were given the opportunity to share things they are thankful for, and we were reminded that we have many blessings to count and a lot to be grateful for! Thank you to all who attended!

Six Baptisms and Two New Members!

What a glorious day it was at Saint Luke on Sunday, February 15! God is certainly blessing Saint Luke with new babies, new families, and new opportunities to know Him and serve Him.

Callahan Harvey Forbes was baptized during the 9:00 worship service. Cal was born August 1, 2025 and is the son of Carter and Shelley Forbes. He is pictured at left with his parents and big sister, Juliette, age 3 1/2. Cal's grandparents are Stewart and Sheila Forbes and Wendy Black, and his great-grandparents are Harvey and Joan Forbes, of Sanford, and Sue Liverman, of Ahoskie, North Carolina. It is wonderful to see young parents raising their children to know and love the Lord, and we pray that God will continue to bless this sweet family.

"He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'" Mark 10:14b



At the 11:00 worship service, we were blessed to witness a whole family be baptized together! **James and Mary Ann Cox** and their children **Evelyn Marie (Evie), Anna Leigh (Anna), and Charles Porter (Charlie) Cox** all received the sacrament of baptism, and James and Mary Ann joined Saint Luke. James attended UNC Chapel Hill, earning a BS in Information Science and is now a "Computer Guy." In his free time he enjoys outdoor activities such as running, kayaking, and fishing. Mary Ann also attended UNC Chapel Hill and earned a BA in Political Science. She is now a Social Studies teacher. Her hobbies include crafting and crocheting. Their precious children keep them busy. Evie is 12 years old, Anna is 10, and Charlie is 6. We are delighted that the Cox family has made Saint Luke their church home and we look forward to worshipping and serving alongside them.

"So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory." Romans 15:7



Ash Wednesday

Services

February 18, 2026



Two Services:

12:00 Noon in the Casey Chapel (Traditional)
and 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary (Informal)



*Lenten Services
and Lunches*

**Join Us on Wednesdays During Lent
in the Davenport Christian Life Center**

Saint Luke UMC will once again offer community worship services and a light lunch on Wednesdays from 12 noon—1:00 pm during the season of Lent. Guest preachers from local churches will offer a meditation, followed by a lunch fellowship. Our hope is that many people in our church and community will join us to worship and share a meal together.

Preachers for the noon Lenten Worship and Lunch Fellowship include:

Wednesday, February 25—Rev. Matt Garrison, St. Francis Anglican Church

Wednesday, March 4—Rev. Brian Charland, Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 11—Rev. Ann Kelly, Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 18—Rev. Beatrice Smith, Restored Healed and Delivered Ministries

Wednesday, March 25—Rev. Rick Martindale, First Presbyterian Church

Donations to help cover the cost of the lunches will be received. The time is 12 noon—1:00 pm to allow persons to attend during their lunch hour. Since Saint Luke UMC is hosting these Lenten services and lunches, we hope many members of our congregation will attend. Mark your calendar and plan to join us when you can!

shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



Thank you to all
who came!



2026

Confirmation

Journey



Saint Luke UMC

Sunday evenings from 6 - 7 pm

First night will meet in Parker Chapel

(Parents and Confirmands are asked to meet at 6 pm on 3/1.
Following a short meeting, parents can leave.)

March 1	Why were we created?
March 8	The Creation of the Church
March 15	Why was Saint Luke created?
March 20	Confirmation Lock-In
March 22	What are we creating?
March 30	Field Trip
April 5	Easter Sunday; receive Confirmation Class into membership

Youth in sixth grade and up are invited to join the journey.
Call the church office to register (919-776-2012)!

RISE TO THE OCCASION
FOR
RISE AGAINST HUNGER
Lenten Mission Project
LENT

**\$1 a day
for
40 days**

The questions arise each year: “What will you give up for Lent?” While our small sacrifices do not compare to Jesus’ *ultimate* sacrifice, they do remind us that Easter came at great cost. We are part of God’s great story of self-giving love, and we, too, are called to give selflessly and wholly. As we practice a holy Lent, we are invited to live into Jesus’ life, sufferings, death, and his glorious resurrection by spending time

in prayer and reflection. We also are invited to consider how we may continue Jesus’ saving and healing ministries today. Shouldn’t we also ask ourselves, “What shall I add?”

In answer to those two questions, Saint Luke’s Missions Committee challenges everyone to a unique Lenten discipline. We invite you to **donate \$1 each day for the 40 days of Lent** (more if you like). The goal is to raise **\$4500** to sponsor a RISE AGAINST HUNGER packing event on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Davenport Christian Life Center. This is a family-friendly event and a fun way for all generations within our church family to come together in service. As we “give up” and “add to” our Lenten disciplines, we will be supporting a vital hunger ministry at a time when it is most needed.

Look for baskets containing the plastic bags that will be provided for you to collect your daily donation outside each of our worship spaces.



Our age 50+ singles group enjoyed great fellowship and an awesome lunch together last Sunday. If you are over 50 and single, please join us next month on Sunday, March 15 at 12:15 pm at Davison’s Steaks (1724 Westover Drive).



*Come join the fun
and fellowship!*

Share
the
love

Attention: Marigolds
and Roses!

"Share-the-Love" Day

Sunday, February 22, 2026

This Sunday, February 22nd is our outreach project—Valentine "Share-the-Love" Day with residents at Parkview Retirement Village on Wicker Street. We will meet at 2:00 in the DCLC to assemble Valentine gift bags (all items will be provided), then carpool to Parkview to deliver them to the residents and staff members. Hope to see you all there!!

Come share God's love with our friends at Parkview!



COFFEE HOUR

Let's Have
Coffee!

The
Emmaus Commu-

nity is hosting a Coffee Hour in the Williams Lobby prior to the 9:00 worship service on the **4th Sunday of each month**. Join us on Sunday, January 25 for fellowship and coffee!



Membership Sunday:
March 15

If you have prayerfully considered making Saint Luke UMC your church home, we would love to have you! Please call the church office (919-776-2012) to let us know you'd like to join, or speak with Preacher Eddie if you have questions.

Find your place at Saint Luke!

Saint Luke Foundation Grant Recipient Highlight

Let the Saint Luke Foundation assist you in sharing God's gifts within our church and community. Even a small donation to the Saint Luke Foundation may have far-reaching and lasting impacts.

One of the 21 Saint Luke Foundation grant recipients for 2025 was Lee County Partnership for Children and Families, a non-profit organization which focuses on early childhood, family support, community wellness, and literacy programs. Their programs go beyond needs usually addressed by other service organizations. In addition to early childhood care, you'll find help for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups, Barbers and Beauticians (a program that works to educate local shops on health and wellness topics), as well as Happy Bottoms Bank, which serves Lee County residents who are in need of diapers or feminine hygiene products, and many other wonderful programs that benefit our community. Lee County Partnership for Children and Families fills many needs in our community, and Saint Luke Foundation is proud to support them. It is through your gifts that our annual grant program is possible.

Let your gift to the Saint Luke Foundation be "a gift that keeps on giving!"

*"Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others."*

Philippians 2:4





"PINTS WITH THE PASTOR"

After having taken a two-month hiatus for December and January, Pints With The Pastor was back in action February 16. Using various scriptures for inspiration and insight, the group spent time reflecting back on 2025, sharing highlights and disappointments. The group also discussed their hopes for 2026. It was a wonderful thing to hear testimony given to their recognition of God's presence throughout 2025, as well as their confidence that God would be with them in 2026. All men are welcome! Please join us!

PINTS WITH THE PASTOR
It's a Saint Luke / Camelback Thing

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 16

5:30 pm

Camelback Brewing Co.

804 Spring Lane



Jesus with a Twist

New Year! New Venue!

New opportunity to join Jesus with a Twist!

Save the Dates!

February 26

March 26

April 23

6:00 pm

Vinous Wine Bar

112 S. Steele Street

All women are invited!

Bring your friends!



Lenten Bible Study

“Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion”

by Adam Hamilton

Sunday morning during Sunday School

February 22 – March 29

Classes participating: Biddle, Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones,
Seekers, Asbury, Something More, Genesis,
and Wesley/Parker/Hunter

February 22 Session 1: Lift High the Cross

The Crucifixion as God’s Word and Recapitulation

March 1 Session 2: O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

Penal Substitution and Sacrificial Offering

March 8 Session 3: Agnus Dei

Atonement as New Passover, New Covenant, and
Redemption

March 15 Session 4: Were You There

The Moral Influence and Moral Example
Theories of Atonement

March 22 Session 5: What Wondrous Love Is This

Moral Influence Theory, Part II

March 29 Session 6: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

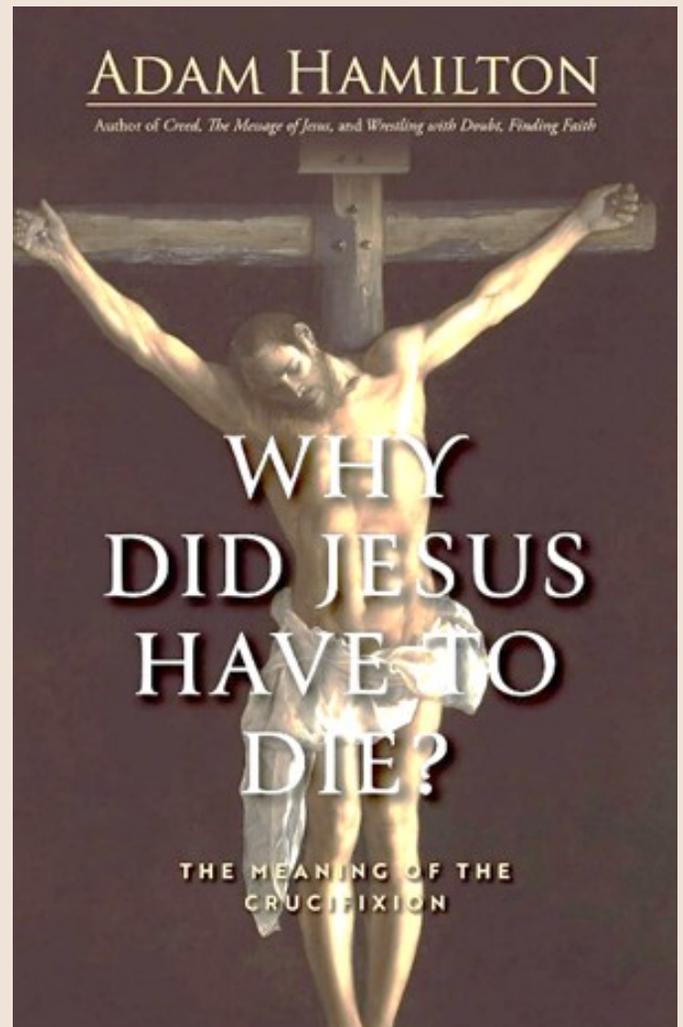
Christus Victor Theory of Atonement

Despite the crucifixion’s central place in Christian faith, the New Testament offers few clear answers about how Jesus’ death saves, or why, exactly, he had to die. The New Testament writers use a host of metaphors—ransom, sacrifice, reconciliation, victory—but never explain exactly how it works or why it had to happen this way.

What if that’s because we’ve been asking the wrong question? What if the cross isn’t a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform who we are and how we live?

Unpacking the meaning of the cross. The New Testament authors didn’t settle on one meaning of the crucifixion but instead offered a dozen or more metaphors to explain how it saves, but often without a clear explanation of how Jesus’s death accomplishes the saving work they describe. Because of this vagueness, wrapping our minds around the logic and meaning of the cross can cause us to miss the full impact it can have on our daily lives. *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* is written to help make sense of the crucifixion, to listen for how God might speak to us through it, and that we might say, along with Paul, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20).

All are invited to join one of these Sunday School classes during Lent as we dig deeper into the meaning of the cross.



Beloved

Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 25

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Tickets: \$25

Featuring Keynote Speaker, J. Dana Trent,
award-winning author,
minister, professor,
inspirational speaker



Luncheon catered by Mrs. Lacy's Magnolia House
Deadline to purchase tickets is April 12

Scan QR Code for tickets



[Beloved Women's Spring Luncheon](#)

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Saint Luke United Methodist Church
2916 Wicker Street; Sanford, NC 27330

Ladies!

Save the Date:

Saturday,

April 25, 2026

Excitement is in the air! Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at Saint Luke United Methodist Church. It's an event for women like none other, and we want you to be there! On Saturday, April 25 Saint Luke UMC will host "**Beloved**" - a Central North Carolina Women's Spring Inspirational Luncheon from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Our special guest speaker is J. Dana Trent, graduate of Duke University, ordained minister, faculty member at Wake Technical

Community College, and author of numerous books including her memoir, "Between Two Trailers." Dana will inspire you as she shares her story of living in poverty with drug dealing parents, how she survived and eventually made peace with the people and places that shaped her. Dana's memoir will be available for purchase and signing.

Our goal for this Spring Luncheon is to offer beautiful fellowship, community inspiration, and faith-filled encouragement to women in central North Carolina. Together, we can create a kind and compassionate world that offers hope and support to all! Ticket information is now available. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 12. For persons who are unable to purchase a ticket online, a few tickets will be sold in the church office.

Friday Friends Team

Helping the church with
whatever needs fixin'

- Replacing light bulbs
- Repairing broken items
- Building shelves
- Organizing closet space
- Deep cleaning areas
- Other stuff as needed



Next Project: Sunday, March 1

Friday Friends will meet **Sunday, March 1 from 2:00-4:00 pm** to clean out and organize several maintenance closets. There are two small supply closets, one on each level near the elevator. The third closet is the church's main maintenance room located at the end of the Preschool wing, which stores light bulbs, supplies, and various other miscellaneous items. We realize Sunday afternoon is not the normal time for Friday Friends to meet. If you can help, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-2012 or charlottebrendel@yahoo.com. Wear gloves!

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Monday, March 2

6:00 pm - Room #222/224

Men of all ages are welcome!

Bring a friend!

All men are welcome at United Methodist Men! We missed our February meeting because of the snow. Let's get back on track by having a BIG crowd at our March meeting!

We always have great fellowship and a delicious dinner prepared by Mike Laudate. Our programs are informative—and we do a lot of good in our church and community! Meet and greet will begin at 6:00 pm in Room #222/224. Dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by our program. Cost for dinner is \$10. Don't forget to bring a jar of jelly for our "Jelly for Jesus" program, as well as "TP, PT, and H2O" (toilet paper, paper towels, and bottled water). We will also be accepting donations of canned meats for CUOC. Voluntary annual dues of \$75 may be paid to Bob Sanford. Sign up in your Sunday School class or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012.

And let us consider how to spur one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another . . ." Hebrews 10:24-25a



**American
Red Cross
Blood
Drive**

Save a Life, Give Blood

Saint Luke UMC is sponsoring

a Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

in the Davenport Christian Life Center

To make an appointment, go to:
www.redcrossblood.org. Type in our Zip code
(27330) at the prompt, and scroll down to
March 3 — Saint Luke UMC.

WEDNESDAYS

BREAKFAST



All men are welcome!

Please join us on the
SECOND AND FOURTH Wednesdays
at 7 am in
the Davenport CLC!

Upcoming dates are 2/11, 2/25, 3/11 and 3/25.
Cost is \$7.

GRIEF COUNSELING AVAILABLE



Jackie Petty, MA, LCMHC is
a Licensed Clinical Mental
Health Counselor who can

provide individual or family counseling for persons experiencing a time of grief and loss. With a Master's degree in Community Counseling, Jackie has been in private practice for 15 years and has over 25 years of experience in offering Trauma-Focused therapy to adults and children, as well as clients with anxiety and depression. The grief journey can be a complex time of confusion and sadness with feelings of uncertainty and deep pain. It can be difficult to sort through these feelings alone. Jackie would like to offer free counseling to anyone who believes it could be beneficial for them. These sessions are confidential and discreet and can be offered at the church or in your home. For more information, please contact Jackie Petty at 919-770-4588 or by email at jackiepetty@windstream.net.



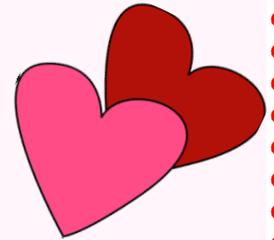
Keenagers

Thursday, February 19

12:00 noon

Room #222/224

All Keenagers (men and women age 65 and up) are invited to attend! Come and share a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and a fun program with your Saint Luke friends! Cost for lunch is \$6. Please remember to sign up in Sunday School, or on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office by Monday, February 16 if you plan to attend. Don't miss it!!



ALZHEIMER'S
& DEMENTIA

Support Group

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday
of each month at 10:30 am.

Saint Luke's Support Group for Caregivers and their loved ones living with dementia meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month. Susan Hardy leads the Caregivers Support Group in one room and the care recipients participate in another room with planned activities led by experienced volunteers. **Please call the church office at 919-776-2012 if you and your loved one plan to attend. We need a head-count so that we may plan accordingly.**



Join Pastor Eddie and Nita on Our Trip to Greece!

Journeys of Paul Tour

April 14-24, 2026

There's Room for Two!!

After speaking with Wilcox World Travel and Tours, there is still room to join the adventure for our April trip, but time is of the essence. Contact Wilcox Travel as soon as possible (800-438-5828 or tourinfo@wilcoxtravel.com) to register.

Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime!

CUOC and Backpack Pals ****February Needs****

Every month during 2026, Saint Luke will be collecting specific items for CUOC and Backpack Pals. Donation bins will be set up in the Williams Lobby and Perry Foyer. United Methodist Men and United Women in Faith are spearheading the collection for CUOC, and Saint Luke Preschool and Saint Luke After School Care are taking the lead for the Backpack Pals collection, but everyone is welcome to participate.

In February, we are collecting BREAKFAST ITEMS for CUOC (cereal, granola bars, oatmeal, grits, muffin mix, pancake mix, and syrup). **For Backpack Pals we are collecting FRUIT** (individually wrapped fruit cups, applesauce, and raisins). Thank you for helping make sure our neighbors have what they need!



On behalf of the Saint Luke Missions Committee, a big Thank You to UMM, UWIF, and the preschool and after-school children for making a year-long commitment to support the CUOC pantry and Backpack Pals.



EASY, FAST, AND SECURE: 3 Convenient Ways to Give to Saint Luke UMC:

- via your phone by texting “stluke” to 1-888-364-4483 [GIVE]
- online here: <https://www.saintlukeumc.org/givetosaintlukeumcsanford>
- through our downloadable app here: <https://subsplash.com/saintlukeumc/app>

For your convenience, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. For more information or help with Subsplash Giving, please contact the church office.



Fast and Easy Giving
Saint Luke UMC



SUBSPASH

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Jesus loves me
this I know

One Number to Reach the Weekend Emergency On-Call Pastor **(984) 977-1798**

All you need to know is one number to reach our clergy-person-on-call! Whoever is on call for the weekend will answer. So please make note of our “on-call” number. **Program it into your phone. Tape it to your refrigerator. Write it in your address book.** And if you have a pastoral emergency on a weekend, please use the number to let us know how we can help.



Saint Luke UMYF is Looking for Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers who love youth and are willing to build mentor-like relationships with all of our youth—to walk alongside them in their faith journey, life circumstances, struggles, and celebrations. If you'd like to volunteer, please visit our website (saintlukeumc.org), click on the “Our Ministries” tab, then the “Youth Ministry” tab, then scroll to the bottom and click on the “UMYF Volunteer Application” button.

SAINT LUKE UMC'S CreationCare

1 CORINTHIANS 10:26

“The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.”
1 Corinthians 10:26

SAINT LUKE RECYCLES!

Thank you to everyone who is joining our efforts to recycle as a church family! Please refer to the instructions included on or beside/above (on the wall) the receptacles for the items that are NOT recyclable (i.e., NOT used plastic utensils and dirty food containers) - and remember to donate your plastic bags to the ARK!

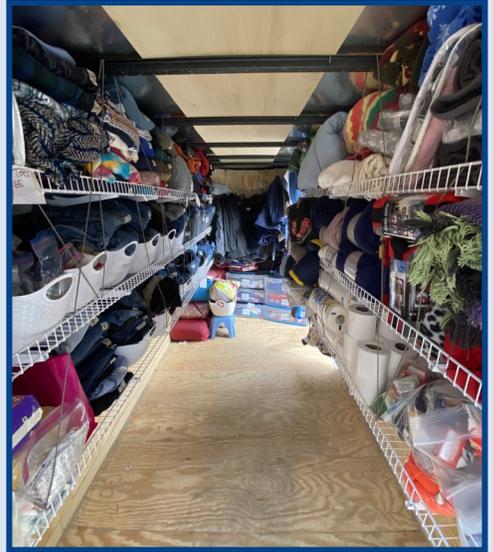
See It?? Say It!!

We are blessed with a wonderful facility in which to worship and serve God and we want to maintain it as God's house should be maintained! If you see anything around the church that needs attention ... things that are broken, dirty, need repair, light bulbs that need replacing, etc., please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-2012 or charlottebrendel@yahoo.com. We need your help to “see” things in the building that need attention—and then to “say” what you have seen so that we can fix it!



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.



CURRENT NEEDS:

**GENTLY USED WINTER JACKETS/COATS,
AND TOILET PAPER**

Ways you can help:

- ♥ Help deliver meals
- ♥ Pull the ARK with your truck on Sundays
- ♥ Bake a dessert to go with the meal

Contact Lisa Harrington (919-770-2595) or Kim Osborne (919-545-4838) if you have questions or to volunteer. Text messages preferred.



Upcoming Lead Cooks

- 2/22 Kim Hales
- 3/1 Pat Greybill
- 3/8 Gus Gomez

Upcoming Packing Teams

- 2/22 Stewart / Coggins
- 3/1 Harrington / TBD
- 3/8 TBD / TBD

Loving God, Loving Others.



Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD
-PSALM 46:10



Let Us Pray!!

Our Saint Luke Daily Prayer is no longer available by text. We are now sending our Daily Prayer only via email. If you would like to receive our Saint Luke Daily Prayer via email, please send an email to Pastor Charlotte (charlottebrendel@yahoo.com) or contact the church office (919-776-2012).

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

We need ushers for our 11:00 worship services! If you are willing to serve as an usher on a rotating basis, please call the church office at 919-776-2012 to volunteer. All you need is a warm smile and a willing heart!!

Serve the Lord with gladness ...

Psalm 100:2a



Save Your Pop Tops!

Please save your pop tops from aluminum cans and bring them to the marked bin in the collection closet in the Williams Lobby. They will be donated to the

Ronald McDonald House, where they will be used to help families whose children are hospitalized.

Don't throw away an opportunity to help!!

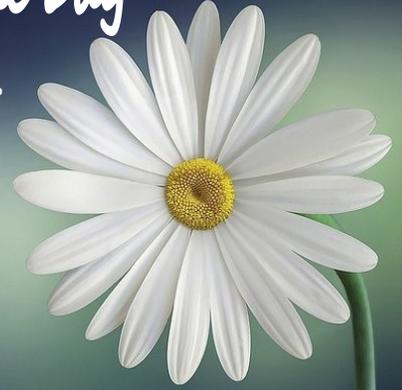
Thought for the Day

"God didn't remove the Red Sea.

He parted it.

God doesn't always remove your problems.

But he will make a way for you to get through them."



Toby Mac

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Professional Counseling Services Available

Rev. Marti Hatch, MDiv, MA, LCMHC, NCC, is now available to schedule counseling appointments with clients. This is available to members of Saint

Luke UMC and the broader Sanford community. Clients will meet with Rev. Hatch in the Church Parlor/Prayer Room. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, please contact Rev. Hatch at hatch.marti@gmail.com or call 919-750-7949. All appointments and financial arrangements will be made through Rev. Hatch.

Welcome!
Thanks for Joining Us Today!
Glad you are here!
Hope to see you again.

Greeters Ministry

Greeters Schedule

Greeters for the 9:00 service, please be in place in the Williams Lobby at 8:40 am.

Greeters for the 11:00 service, please be in place in the Perry Foyer at 10:40 am.

Feb. 22	(9:00)	Danny & Beth Hart
	(11:00)	Patti Cox
March 1	(9:00)	Jim Murray & Kristy Arey
	(11:00)	Jan Hayes
March 8	(9:00)	John & Teresa Maness
	(11:00)	Kim Osborne

Altar Guild



DCLC (9:00 worship)
February: Shay Benton and Robin Showalter

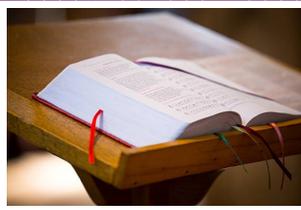
March: Helen Yarborough and Dawn Shepard

Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)

February: Kim Hales (Chair), Elaine Thomas, and Linda Foushee

March: Betsy Lucas (Chair), Nancy Cameron, and Nancy Thomas

Scripture Readers Schedule



February 22

8:30 am	Bill Towson
9:00 am	Susan Laudate
11:00 am	Becky Whitaker

March 1

8:30 am	Sara O'Quinn
9:00am	Abigail Thompson
11:00 am	Dave Nave

March 8

8:30 am	Sandra Hancock
9:00am	Gabby McCalister
11:00 am	Leslie Cox



Draw and Name and Pray for a Member of Your Church Family!

Last year, our Prayer Team began the **Prayer Bowl Project**. The goal is to have every member held in prayer by name during each Sunday service whether you are in the sanctuary or at home. A new set of names has been made for this year. If you'd like to participate, come by the church office and draw a name, or call Laura in the church office (919-776-2012) and ask her to draw a name for you. You do not need to know anything about the person or family you have drawn. God already knows their every need! Can you imagine how God might smile to hear every member of Saint Luke's family held up in prayer each Sunday? When you become a member of the Saint Luke family, you will never walk alone again!

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



February 22	Nick Jones
March 1	Travis Beal
March 8	Ned Heins



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 18—25

Birthdays:

(2/18) Kristen Beal
Phil Drye
Jennifer St. Clair
Katherine Wheby
Judi Womack

(2/19) Liz McGrath

(2/20) Jamie Kelly
Margie Washburn

(2/21) Jason Osborne
Georgia Brooke Turner

(2/22) Lee LeLiever
Betty Newell

(2/23) Bobby Conners
Edwina Halverstadt
Susan Kesler
Mary Stewart Shaffer

(2/24) Will Smith

(2/25) Ian Macon
Mary Jo Parks
Chase Setzer

Anniversaries

(2/23) Michael & Mary Tatum



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 2/15/26	\$16,918.00
Restricted Funds Received 2/15/26	\$1,975.00

February Attendance

	2024	2025	2026	2026 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2026 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*684	*324	*n/a	No Services	Snow Day
Week 2	*791	*312	*362	36/166/108	31/21
Week 3	*697	*340	*344	38/163/79	32/32
Week 4	*547	*264			
Week 5					
February Avg.	*680	*310	*353		

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

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- ... you can read the Bible using the new Saint Luke app?
- ... our website has been updated and ready to use?
- ... you can watch our worship services live or later on the website (or app)?
- ... you can register for special events using the app?
- ... you can conveniently tithe directly from your phone or computer (app, text, or website)?

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



*The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18*

*Saint Luke
United Methodist Church*

Prayer Requests

Received as of February 18, 2026

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Sandra Gallagher	Mary Loving	Bill Ray
Judy Baker	Keith Garner (USS Gettysburg)	Pat Mace	Georgann Roberts
Chris Burns	Ed Garrison	Joe Martin	Irene Smith
Patti and Stephen Cox	Lisa Harden	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Patsy & Ira Smith
Sarah Curry	Marsha Havens	Liz McGrath	Mackenzie Stinson
Jean Davenport	Denise Hedrick	Beulah Mooneyham	Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard
Susie Dixon	Lloyd Jennings	Dave Nave	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Rev. Judy Drye	Claudia Key	Betty Newell	Kristin Vernon
Janet Edrington	Kevin Kirkman	Parker Normann	Gordon Washburn
Harvey Forbes	Susan Larsen	Jan Olsen	David Whitfield
Linda Fowler	Hayley Liggett	Mary Jo Parks	Heather McCoy Wicker
Savannah Lynn Franzoia	Dorothy Lloyd	Nick and Sally Porter	Sandy Woodard

Other Known Prayer Requests

Larry Andrews	Brian Drye	David Lane	Tina Rickard
Deborah Alvord	Martha Eigenbrodt	Betty Lawrence	Barbara Rivera
Nancy Babbit	Daniel Facemire	Joel Lawrence	Sean Robbins
Gray Barnhill	Carol Fuller	Susan Lewis	Roy Rud and family
Bruce and Linda Benton	Lynn Gagliardi	Hannah Lindsey	Juanita Showalter
June Brantley	Dr. Roy Gaines, Jr.	Elliot Mann	Paula Smith
Jan Brooks	Teresa Goins	Allyssa McNeal	Ryan Smith
Bonnie Brown	Keri Grant	Van Montoya	Jackson Snipes
Moses Cabrera	Tim Gregory	Daniel Newman	Betty Spence
Betty Caldwell	Brenda Hallman	Carlie Anne Nicholson	Blake Strickland
Karen and Brian Caldwell	Lura Hill	Jennifer Nicholson	Denny Swarmer
Kenny Cole	Margaret Hubbard	Phyllis O'Keef	Dr. Vance Thomas
Norman Cooper	Rick Huneycutt	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Lavelle and Sharon Waters
Jamie Covil	Jamie Hunt	Greg Patterson	Jimmy Wilkins
Jeff Cummings	Allene Jarvis	Wade and Janie Peele	William Beckett "Beck"
Linda & Dalton Davis	Beckisue Brown Joyner	Helen Krick Poole	Woodell
Pat Dillon	Scott Keller	Kate Redenbaugh	Connie Zaring
Diedre Dowdy		Andy Reeder	

Sympathy to . . .

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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Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 am—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

Lead Pastor
Associate Pastor
Minister of Visitation
Children and Family Ministry
Youth Ministry
Coordinator of Contemporary Music
Director of Music Ministries
Office Manager
Bookkeeper
Receptionist
Receptionist
AV/IT Coordinator
Preschool Director
Afterschool Director
Organist Emeritus, Posthumous

Rev. Eddie Hill, Elder
Rev. Charlotte Brendel, Deacon
Rev. Judy Drye, Elder
Katherine Holt
Abigail Thompson
Curtis Moore
Rodney Oldham
Laura Alverson
Pat Angel
Rebecca Little
Beatrice Smith
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