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## **ST. LUKE EMBODIES THE GRACE OF CHRIST THROUGH GENEROSITY**

Did you know that St. Luke contributed, by far, the largest share of any congregation in the South Georgia Annual Conference to the common mission of our United Methodist Connection through “conference and district apportionments?” Last year we gave some \$394,000 through our apportionments. The wake of St. Luke’s generosity is both deep and wide in South Georgia and around the world.

In addition to our apportionments, the members of St. Luke gave some \$264,000 in second mile giving (above and beyond their pledge and local church giving) for International Missions including: the support of four missionary families, our partnership with Naomi’s Village in Kenya, in short term missions in the Bahamas, and in support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

At the same time, members of St. Luke gave \$404,000 for local missions and ministries of compassion including: the Samaritan Fund, Food Pantry, December First Saturday, Every First Saturday of the month, Meals on Wheels, V.I.P., Open Door, Methodist Home for Children and Youth, Congregation Assistance, Covenant Congregations Program at the Pastoral Institute and Respite Care Ministries.

Through all these areas of ministry, your giving embodies the grace and love of Jesus for countless thousands of people.

The really great news in this New Year is that more St. Luke families pledged more money for ministry and mission than in the last seven years! 78 new families pledged some \$282,000, while 115 families increased their giving by a total amount of \$140,294. Overall, our congregation pledged a 7% increase in financial support for ministry in this year as compared to 2014!

Giving helps us become the people God wants us to be. Truly, giving is not merely about the church’s need for money but about a disciple’s need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of spiritual vitality and growth. God uses our giving to change the world for God’s purposes, and God uses our giving to reconfigure our interior lives and change us. Thanks be to God for the grace at work among us and for the response of gratitude and generosity which so mark the path of discipleship here at St. Luke.

I am grateful to God to be a part of this incredible journey of faith with you.

Robert Beckum

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 10:55 a.m. service is streamed at [www.stlukeum.com](http://www.stlukeum.com) and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM  
Tape-delayed on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

February 1, 2015

4th Sunday after Epiphany

8:25 a.m. & 10:55 a.m.

Color: White

Invitation to Worship

Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude (*Adleyn Scott, organ*).....“Voluntary on ‘O Perfect Love’” .....Hopson/Frank

Call to Worship (10:55 a.m., *Sean Meara*) .....“In Jesus’ Name” .....D.E. Matthews

\*Hymn ..... “Lord, Speak to Me” .....Number 463

\*The Affirmation of Faith ..... “The Apostles’ Creed”.....Number 881

**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.**

The Pastoral Prayer.....The Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard

The Lord’s Prayer

**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. Amen.**

The Children’s Sermon (10:55 a.m.).....The Rev. Brett Maddocks

*After the Children’s Sermon, children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to go to Corner Kids for a time of extended worship. Parents pick them up in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.*

\*Hymn ..... “I Come with Joy”.....Number 617

Offertory Prayer .....The Rev. Robert Beckum

Offertory (8:25 a.m., *Sean Meara*) .....“In Jesus’ Name” .....D.E. Matthews  
(10:55 a.m., *Chancel Choir*) ..... “The Whisper” .....C. Courtney

\*The Dedication of Offerings ..... “The Doxology”.....Number 95

\*The Written Word.....I John 3:18-22 (p. 226, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word ...“**When It’s NOT What’s In Your Heart That Counts**”.....Rev. Beckum

The Invitation and Confession

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:*

**God, we are called to follow You, but we do not respond. We are commanded to love one another, but we continue in our old ways. We are asked to spread the Good News of Your love to every part of our world, but we find the mission too difficult. We do not love You with our whole heart, or our neighbors as ourselves. We come today looking for Good News. Forgive our sins.**

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving .....(Pages 15-16; hymnal)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn ..... “Bless Be the Tie That Binds“.....Number 557

\*The Benediction

Benediction Response ..... “Amen” .....Danish

Postlude (*Adleyn Scott, organ*).....March from “Concerto Grosso”.....A. Corelli

\* Standing as able \*\* See Music Box \*\*\* *quick* means “living”; *catholic* means “universal,” or the global Church

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, February 1

- 8:25 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Sunday School Assembly (The Corner, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)
- Confirmation Class (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at [www.stlukeum.com](http://www.stlukeum.com) beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Noon Fellowship/Jesus is Lord Lunch (Room 110, Gleaners, Main)
- 12:20 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Chapel)
- 2:00 p.m. Hispanic Fellowship (Stockwell Hall)/DAR Reception (Room 110, Main)
- 5:00 p.m. Extreme Kids (Gym, LD)
- 5-7:00 p.m. Student Youth Ministry in The Corner (MIN)
- 6:30 p.m. College Ministry (College House)

### Monday, February 2

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Room 110, Main)
- 11:00 a.m. Circle 1 (7015 Widgeon Drive)
- 2:00 p.m. Free Spirits Council Meeting (SD, MIN)
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Council (Room 110, Main)

### Tuesday, February 3

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 9:30 a.m. Susan Graham's Bible Study (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 11:30 a.m. Civitan (SD, MIN)
- 12 Noon Kids Link Parent Lion, Lunch and Learn (LD, MIN)

### Wednesday, February 4

- 8:45 a.m. SLS 4th-8th Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:10 a.m. SLS K-3rd Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool/ELC Chapel (Chapel, Main)
- Stay-at-Home Moms Bible Study (home of Nicole Mayne)
- 11:30 a.m. Kiwanis (LD, MIN)
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (SD, MIN)
- 3:30 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts (Meeting Room, MIN)
- Take the Lead 4th-5th grade (Library, Main)
- 5:15 p.m. BHW Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (LD, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir (Aerobics Room, MIN)/Children's Activities (Gym)
- 6:15 p.m. **Wednesday Night Program: Six Things You Should Know About God IV**
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #35 (Chapel, Main)
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Spanish (Room 110, Main)
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 8:10 p.m. Hispanic Praise Group Rehearsal (Chapel)

### Thursday, February 5

- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Conf. Rm., Main)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 11:30 a.m. Exchange club (SD, MIN)
- 12 Noon Women's Bible Study (Conf. Rm., Main)/College Luncheon (College House)
- 3:30 p.m. SLS Faculty Meeting (SD, MIN)

### Friday, February 6

- 11:00 a.m. AFLAC GA South Kick Off Meeting (LD, MIN)
- 12 Noon Christian Citizen of Month Luncheon (SD, MIN)
- 3:30 p.m. SLS Praise Band Rehearsal (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 4:00 p.m. Created by God (SD, Meeting Room, Gym)

### Saturday, February 7

- 8:30 a.m. Created by God (SD, Meeting Room, LD, MIN)
- 10:30 a.m. First Saturday (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 11:00 a.m. Baptism (Chapel, Main)
- 12:30 p.m. Youth leave for WinterJam

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

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### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER February 4 - Ministry Center

#### Program: "Six Things You Should Know About God IV," Robert Beckum

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

**Menu:** Oriental Sesame Chicken, Mixed vegetables, Rice with apricots and almonds, Fried wontons, Fortune cookies, Cakes and pies.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults (\$7.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Children (\$3.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Music Box

Doyle Register, Director of Music Ministries, [doyle@stlukeum.com](mailto:doyle@stlukeum.com)

"The Whisper" Craig Courtney

In the desert, in the wilderness of life, I am searching for the One who searches me. As I wander, hungry, thirsty, lost, alone, I hear God's call; I hear the whisper of my name. "Come to the table. Your name is written on My hand. Come to the table. Your name is hidden in My heart. Come to the table, come to the table. Come to the table and live."

At the table, He prepares for me a place. He redeems me, I am pardoned by His grace. He restores me with His rich and lavish love. In His call, I hear the whisper of my name.

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**WORSHIP IN SPANISH:** 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching, Sermón: "El hacha recuperada" 2 Reyes 6:5-7.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hart.

**OUR KNOWN SICK: Midtown Medical Center West Campus (Doctors):** Mildred Rivers, 5523, Hospice Floor. **Emory University Hospital:** Patrick Graham, E-525 (ICU). **Hamilton House:** Lester Littlefield, 224-A.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Warner Franklin Fussell  
January 20, 2015

Mrs. Fannie H. Clements  
January 22, 2015

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Mrs. Loraine Stewart in the death of her brother, the Rev. Dr. William H. Hurdle, Sr., on January 24, 2015, in Macon, GA. Rev. Hurdle was the chaplain at Wesleyan College for 17 years.

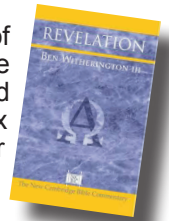
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: CH (CPT) Brad Kattelmann and Mrs. Alison Kattelmann.** Alison comes by transfer from another United Methodist Church. Brad is a UMC chaplain in the US Army. Their children, **Joshua Bradley, Bethany Gradda and Abigail Helen,** will be added to our preparatory role.



**Mr. and Mrs. James (Erica) Crenshaw:** James comes by profession of faith. Erica comes by transfer from another denomination. Their daughter, **Sydney (4),** will be added to our preparatory role.

## REVELATION STUDY BOOKS

The book *Revelation*, by Dr. Ben Witherington (Amos Professor of New Testament, Asbury Seminary) is now available. This will be the book for the Lenten class taught by the Rev. Tom Scott, retired teacher from SLS and retired pastor. The class will be offered for six weeks, beginning February 22-March 29, 9:50-10:50 a.m. in Turner Chapel. The class is free and open to anyone; the book is \$29.00. To register for the class or to purchase a book, please see Rev. Cindy Garrard or contact [cindy@stlukeum.com](mailto:cindy@stlukeum.com).



## ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS

Ireland Tour Sept. 9 -18th, 2015

Once-in-a-Lifetime excursion to Ireland! Join us on a ten day adventure as we explore the famed Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Ring of Kerry and much more. Trip Leaders: Dick & June Reese, Mitch & Tammy Watts and Buddy Cooper. For information, please contact Kym Harden, 706-327-4343 or [kym@stlukeum.com](mailto:kym@stlukeum.com). Early registration is highly encouraged.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nickie Tillery, Director of Children's Ministries, [ntillery@stlukeum.com](mailto:ntillery@stlukeum.com)  
[www.cornerkidz.com](http://www.cornerkidz.com)

Corner Kids@The Nine in Stockwell Hall, K-5th grade.

Corner Kids@11 in Stockwell Hall, K-5th grade.

**EXTREME KIDS IS BACK in 2015!!!!**

Meet in the Ministry Center - Large Dining Room 5-7 p.m.

February 1, 8 and 22, March 1, 8 and 15.

**Created by God:** Seminar for 5th Graders

February 6-7th: Register TODAY \$30 at [www.cornerkidz.com](http://www.cornerkidz.com).

**ANNOUNCING SLSC FOR 2015 (spend the night camp for completed 2nd-5th grade students)!!!** We are going to Pine Eden in Hamilton, GA from June 14-19. We need adult volunteers!!! This is going to be a life changing week for everyone involved!! We have limited spots for adult volunteers. Get your application in early. Visit [www.cornerkidz.com](http://www.cornerkidz.com) for an application and more information or email [ntillery@stlukeum.com](mailto:ntillery@stlukeum.com).

**CHOIR:** Wednesday nights 6:00 p.m. (Aerobics Room - Ministry Center).

**TAKE THE LEAD:** All 4th & 5th graders are invited to be a part of St. Luke Corner Kids' leadership team. We meet Wednesdays beginning Feb. 4th at 3:30 p.m., church Library. Please email [ntillery@stlukeum.com](mailto:ntillery@stlukeum.com) for more information. This team will lead worship services, participate in Bible studies, and help us plan activities for 2015. Encourage your preteen to **TAKE THE LEAD!!**

## ST. LUKE PRESCHOOL

St. Luke Preschool will take waiting list forms for 2015-2016 from new families on Monday, February 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Preschool Office. If you are interested in your child attending St. Luke Preschool, please come in and complete the waiting list form and pay the non-refundable fee of \$25.00. We will continue taking forms through Friday, February 6, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. After that time, priorities will no longer apply and all vacancies will be filled from the waiting list. Please contact Meredith Adams at 706-327-4343 or [madams@stlukeum.com](mailto:madams@stlukeum.com) with any questions.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Six sessions: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. March 2--April 6 in the Respite Care building. Contact [maggie@stlukeum.com](mailto:maggie@stlukeum.com) to register for these sessions, which are free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry.

## STAY-AT-HOME MOMS BIBLE STUDY

10:30-12 noon at the home of Nicole Mayne. For information, please contact her at [Coley.mayne@gmail.com](mailto:Coley.mayne@gmail.com). We are studying James Moore's *Some Folks Feel the Rain; Others Just Get Wet*, led by Rev. Cindy Garrard. Copies available at the church or at the first Bible study, \$10.



St. Luke School's Student Council sponsors are participating in the Box Tops for Education™ program. Our school's earning goal is \$2,000. To help our school, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and drop them into Box Top Collection boxes in various locations on the St. Luke campus. Our Student Council members thank you for your help!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Islam? Judaism? Christianity?** Have you ever wondered what's the difference in what people believe? Join us Thursday mornings for a women's bible study at 8:45 a.m. in the Conference room for a study of the world's religions led by Rev. Brett Maddocks. Childcare provided. For more information contact [ntillery@stlukeum.com](mailto:ntillery@stlukeum.com).



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## *- Abiding Gifts -*

If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgement sent and mail or bring to the Church Office. Contact [maggie@stlukeum.com](mailto:maggie@stlukeum.com).

**Camp Joy:** In memory of Mrs. Regena Bennett by the Fellowship/Jesus is Lord Class.

**Respite Ministry:** In memory of Mr. George Dudley by the Fellowship/Jesus is Lord Class.

**Respite Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Fannie Clements by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mr. Andrew Cartledge by Mr. and Mrs. Thad Estes. In memory of Dr. Donald Stewart by Mrs. Frances Ramsey.

**Fellowship Class:** In memory of Mrs. Fannie Clements by Mr. Monty Thorne.

**Music Ministry:** In memory of Mr. James Lester by Miss Dee Rainey. In memory of Mr. James Lester by Mrs. Betty Pearson.

**Music Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Mr. James Lester by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register.

**Food Pantry:** In memory of Mr. Andrew Cartledge by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Turner. In memory of Mrs. Fannie Clements by Dr. Robert Carpenter.

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Mr. Andrew Cartledge by the NOW Class.

## *- Respite Care -*

*"Caring for loved ones and caregivers."*

Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117 or [dhett@stlukeum.com](mailto:dhett@stlukeum.com)

Family Caregiving is an act of kindness, love, and loyalty; however, many caregivers aren't trained for the responsibilities that they face. Difficult emotions of fear, resentment, guilt, helplessness, and anger are normal.

**St. Luke Respite Care** has resources to aid you in this process. Give us a call or schedule a visit to explore ways that we might help. Contact Diane Hett, 706-256-3117; [dhett@stlukeum.com](mailto:dhett@stlukeum.com).

## United Methodist Women

**Circle 1:** Monday, February 2, 11:00 a.m. at the home of Jan Ellis (7015 Widgeon Drive). Program: Doyle Register.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All persons who confess Christ as their Savior, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion today, February 1. Come forward at the indication of the ushers and stand or kneel in prayer at the chancel rail for as long as you like, then cup your hands to indicate your readiness to receive the Sacrament. After you have partaken of the cup, you may remain in prayer or return to your seat. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion in their seats may so indicate to the usher. The offering plates at the heads of the side aisle are to receive gifts for the Samaritan Fund, our Outreach Ministry. Please give generously as God gives you the ability.



## THE CORNER

Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries,  
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**ACTS** every Sunday Night is an exciting, Spirit-filled experience that EVERY St. Luke Middle School and High School student will definitely want to be a part of.... God's Power and His Presence have been so evident these first few weeks! We had Adam Ross come share about his miraculous recovery last week and Acts 2 CAME ALIVE!

**SOULED OUT SUMMER!!!!** EVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SHOULD SIGN UP TODAY! Imagine...600 students packing out a worship room, dozens of students accepting Christ, Incredible Speakers, College Student led small groups, 3 on 3 basketball, Flag football, strong man and woman competition, AWESOME LATE NIGHT CHATS WITH JUST OUR GROUP, swimming, tanning, connecting with St. Luke students for a week in Panama City Beach, FL. Souled Out Summer is a HUGE part of the overall spiritual growth plan for our students and it's so much fun! MAKE PLANS TO COME!!! Sign up at [www.thecornerstudents.com](http://www.thecornerstudents.com) ONLY \$299!!!! \$50 deposit due when signing up!

**High School Guatemala trip!** We are putting together a team to go on mission to Guatemala and would love for you to sign up and come! The 30 spots will go fast so make plans and let me know you are interested today! Sign up to sell coffee to raise your support @ [www.thecornerstudents.com](http://www.thecornerstudents.com).

**We are seeking God's Power and His Presence @ The Corner!** For Such A Time as This...

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