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Celebration Sunday November 16 Your Commitment Card A Christian Symbol

In just two weeks we will enter into the season of Advent--- a season of symbols. It is a time when we use many beautiful symbols to adorn our worship spaces and remind us of the love of God in Jesus Christ. We will have wreaths on the walls and doors, the Advent wreath in the chancel, trees beside the communion rail, and purple paraments on the pulpit, lectern and altar. All these symbols point to the meaning of God's taking on flesh and blood in Jesus Christ and coming into this world. **Seldom do we include our financial commitment card among these symbols, but we should.** Beyond the dollars and cents promised for ministry, our commitment card is one of the most powerful symbols of discipleship we have. Our commitment card is an outer, visible symbol of an inner, spiritual grace at work in our heart and grounded in:

- (1) Our covenant relationship with God
- (2) Our gratitude for the grace of God
- (3) Our acknowledgement of the Lordship of Christ in our life and in our lifestyle
- (4) Our care and concern for the continuing ministry of Christ in our time.

This Sunday, November 16, you and your family will have the opportunity to celebrate God's grace, express your gratitude to God, acknowledge Christ's Lordship, and bear witness to the importance of your covenant relationship with God. Let me encourage you to prepare for this service prayerfully. Include your children and/or grandchildren in your thoughts and preparations for the rededication of your life and resources to the service of God. This can be a wonderful "teaching moment" for our children.

Let your financial commitment card be the first of many beautiful symbols which will point to the coming of God into this world. Let it be a symbol of Christ's presence in your life and of your willingness to bear the presence of Christ for others in the year ahead.

Robert Beckum

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P.S. Plan to have Sunday dinner with your St. Luke family in the Ministry Center immediately following the 10:55 service!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

November 16, 2014

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

Color: Green

Invitation to Worship

The Prelude (*St. Luke Wind Orchestra*).....“Shaker Variants”E. Del Borgo

Call to Worship “One Thing Remains - Your Love Never Fails”
(10:55 a.m. *St. Luke Kids*)

Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation”Number 545

*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.**

Solo (8:25 a.m., *Lydia Jackson*)“Offertory”J.N. Beck

Anthem (10:55 a.m., *Chancel Choir*)“My Eternal King”J. Marshall

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.)..... “An Attitude of Gratitude”St. Luke Kids

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 “Now Thank We All Our God”Number 102

Offertory Prayer

Offertory (SLWO)“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”J. Curnow

*The Dedication of Offerings “The Doxology”Number 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*The Written Word.....John 6:1-14 (p. 91, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word“**MONEY, MINISTRY AND MIRACLES**”The Rev. Robert Beckum

*Hymn “Trust and Obey”Number 467

*The Benediction

Benediction Response “Amen”Danish

Postlude (*Aesook Lim, organ*)..... “O Worship the King”arr. M. Burkhardt

(10:55 a.m., SLWO) “Ole Time Religion”Traditional Spiritual

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

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 16

- 8:25 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. The Nine 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)/Alpha (Meeting Rm., MIN)
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukeum.com beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Noon St. Luke Celebration Sunday Luncheon (LD, MIN)
- 12:20 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Chapel)
- 2-3:00 p.m. Hispanic Fellowship (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 5:00 p.m. Extreme Kids (Columbus Civic Center Ice Rink)
- Student Youth Ministry High School and Middle School in The Corner
- Family Project (Discovery Class, Main)/Christian Believer (Conf. Rm., Main)
- 6:30 p.m. College Ministry (College Hosue)

Monday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m. SLS PTO Christmas Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 12 Noon SLS Board Meeting (SD, MIN)

Tuesday, November 18 - SLS Fall Book Fair (Meeting Room, MIN)

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 9:30 a.m. Susan Graham's Bible Study (Youth Rm., MIN)/Staff Meeting (SD, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave., Respite Bldg.)/Circle 3 (History Room, MIN)
- 10:30 a.m. Circle 2 (Room 110, Main)
- 11:00 a.m. Preschool Thanksgiving (Shaw, Main)
- 11:30 a.m. Civitan (SD, MIN)/Right From the Start (LD, MIN)
- 12 Noon BRIDGE Board Meeting (Nursery, MIN)
- 3:15 p.m. SLS Student Council (Stockwell Hall, Main)
- 5:30 p.m. SLS Headmaster Search Committee (Conf. Rm. Main)
- 6:00 p.m. Upward Basketball Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, November 19 - SLS Fall Book Fair (Meeting Room, MIN)

- 8:45 a.m. SLS 4th-8th Grade Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 9:10 a.m. SLS K-3rd Grade Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool/ELC Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Kiwanis (LD, MIN)/Lions Board Meeting (SD, MIN)
- 12 Noon Preschool Board (Conf. Room, Main)
- 3:15 p.m. Girl Scouts (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Rm., Main)
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (LD, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. High School Discipleship Groups ("The Corner" Student Center, MIN)
- Make-up Children's Choir (Shaw, Main)
- 6:15 p.m. **Wednesday Night Program: Lay Led Thanksgiving Service**
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack (Stockwell Hall)/Boy Scouts (Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Spanish (Room 110, Main)/**Charge Conference (Chapel)**
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 8:10 p.m. Hispanic Praise Group Rehearsal (Chapel, Main)

Thursday, November 20 - SLS Fall Book Fair (Meeting Room, MIN)

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 11:00 a.m. SLS Thanksgiving Feast (LD, MIN)
- 11:30 a.m. Exchange Club (SD, MIN)
- 12 Noon Women's Bible Study (Conf. Rm., Main)/College Lunch (College House)
- 6:00 p.m. Upward Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, November 21 -SLS Fall Book Fair (Meeting Room, MIN)

- 11:00 a.m. SLS Thanksgiving Feast (LD, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. DNOW (MIN)

Saturday, November 22

- All Day DNOW (MIN)

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

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER November 12 - Ministry Center

Program: Lay Led Thanksgiving Service

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, or by calling 706-256-1017 before Monday noon.

Menu: Oven Roasted Turkey, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Green Beans, Cornbread Dressing, Cranberry Orange relish, Rolls, Pie and Cake.

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

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Music Box

"My Eternal King" Jane M. Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; O my Thou, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; nails and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward, but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing; solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

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CHRISTMAS VOCAL RECITAL

Please join the voice students of Kimberly Cone (CSU Professor of Voice) and accompanist Dr. Aesook Lim (St. Luke pianist and CSU accompanist) as they ring in the holidays with this year's Christmas Recital. Songs from Bethlehem to Broadway will be featured in the recital to be given on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 6pm in the St. Luke Sanctuary. The program is free and everyone is invited.

Mr. Joshua Franklin will present his senior saxophonist recital this Sunday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the River Center. Josh is a baritone in our choir. The concert is free and open to the public.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, The Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones, Sermón "Como usar su dinero"; Santiago 5:1-6.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mrs. Sally Adams on her birthday by her family.

Open Altar Flower Dates for 2015: January 4, 18, and 25th. For other information or other open dates contact Maggie at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com

OUR KNOWN SICK: Canterbury Rehab: Regena Bennett, E-7. **Hamilton House Rehab:** Lester Littlefield, 103W.

IN MEMORIAM

Max Henry Burgdorf
November 1, 2014

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY To Mr. and Mrs. Rand (Lin) Albrecht in the death of her niece, Ms. Angela Burkhart, on November 4, 2014, in Marietta, Ohio.

CRADLE ROLL: Drs. Nicholas and Lauren Smith announce the birth of a son, Hudson Bennett Smith, November 6, 2014. A rosebud has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.

NEW MEMBERS: **Mrs. Iris M. Marrero-Tuff** came by profession of faith on November 9, 2014. She lives in Seale, Alabama.



Mr. and Mrs. Rob Williams (Tracey) come by profession of faith. Their son, Charlie, was baptized and will be put on St. Luke's preparatory role.

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. Early registration is highly encouraged.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nickie Tillery, Director of Children's Ministries, ntillery@stlukeum.com
www.cornerkidz.com

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

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

Choir: Sunday mornings during Corner Kids at the 9 and 11 o'clock services. The children will be singing this Sunday, November 23. Please email Mary Pat Beckum at jrbeckum@aol.com for more information.

EXTREME KIDS ICE SKATING THIS SUNDAY: LAST ONE OF 2014!!! 4:30-6:30 p.m. Drop off and pick up at the Civic Center Ice Rink. Please RSVP at www.cornerkidz.com.

We need toys and volunteers for December First Saturday. Please email ntillery@stlukeum.com if you can help in the toy section.



December First Saturday
December 6th, 7:30am-12pm
St. Luke Church

Bring a new or gently used toy to support December First Saturday. Drop off toys at the front desk of the church.

This event provides a little joy to those children in our community who need to feel God's love the most.

Help us spread the Christmas spirit to those in need in Columbus. Email ntillery@stlukeum.com for more information about toys. To volunteer go to <http://www.stlukeum.com/#/forms/December-first-saturday>

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

THE CHILDREN will be singing 3 songs in the **Christmas Program on December 7th at 4:00 p.m.** We'll be practicing these songs during Corner Kids for the next three weeks. Those children who will be able to sing with us at the Christmas Program need to be at the "rehearsal with the adult choir" on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. The children's part of the rehearsal should last between 30 and 45 minutes. Thanks so much for allowing and encouraging your child to be a part of this special service! For more information, contact Mary Pat Beckum at jrbeckum@aol.com.



NOVEMBER

IS MUFFIN MIX MONTH!

Please bring your donations of muffin mix to the donation tubs in Stockwell Hall and the Ministry Center.



United Methodist Women

Circle 3: Tuesday, November 18, 10:00 a.m., History Room, MIN.

Circle 2: Tuesday, November 18, 10:30 a.m., (Room 110, Main).



ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS

Tuesday, December 2

11:30 a.m. (Ministry Center)

CHRISTMAS

EXTRAVAGANZA AND LUNCH

Cost: \$10 for lunch

Reservations: 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com

GREAT SOCKS DRIVE

Please participate in St. Luke's great SOCKS drive by bringing your donations of unopened packages of new, white, men's athletic socks. We use these to assist our guests in fitting shoes for December First Saturday. Donations can be received by any St. Luke staff member. Questions: groller@moonmeeks.com



STAY AT HOME MOMS: Interested in an at-home Bible study with other moms? One where you can bring your infant or preschooler to play with friends one morning a week? Contact Nicole at Coley.mayne@gmail.com or cindy@stlukeum.com.



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.

Respite Care: In honor of Mrs. Mary Williams by Ms. Laura Jefferson. In memory of Mr. Charles Edward Reddish by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Montgomery.

December First Saturday: In memory of Dr. Donald Stewart by Miss Dee Rainey. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. Michael Ogie by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton C. Fay.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Ben Brooks, Jr. and Mrs. Frances Brooks by Mr. Tom Gates. In memory of Mrs. Frances Brooks by Mrs. Mildred Rivers and Ms. Barbara Rivers, Virginia and Chris Peebles, Mr. and Mrs. Al Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Griffin, Rev. and Mrs. Mike McAfee, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Harcourt, Mrs. Peggy Ledford, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Peek. In memory of Dr. Donald Stewart by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Les Meeks, Mrs. Janice M. Watson, Ms. Judith Adams, Robinson, Grimes & Company, P.C., Mrs. Glenda Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Mote W. Andrews, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dickson, Dr. A. J. Kravtin, and Mrs. Jacque Rawls. In memory of Mr. Robert Thompson by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Woodruff, Mrs. Joanne Cole, and Mrs. JoAnn Daniel Bassford and Family. In honor of Rev. Robert Beckum by Master Charlie Williams.

Fellowship Class: In memory of Mr. Robert Thompson and Dr. Donald Stewart by Mr. Monty Thorne.

Samaritan Fund: In honor of Rev. and Mrs. Gaston Pollock by the Drs. Bill and Sandi Hortman. In memory of Dr. Donald Stewart by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams. In memory of Mrs. Frances Brooks by Mr. and Mrs. James R. Warner.

Music Scholarship Fund: In honor of Mrs. Geraldine King by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams. In memory of Mr. Robert Thompson by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register.

Music Fund: In memory of Dr. Donald Stewart by Rev. and Mrs. Annette Pollock.

St. Luke Prayer Chain: In memory of Mrs. Frances Brooks by Mr. Bill Meeks.

General Fund: In memory of Mrs. Frances Brooks by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cardin.

- Respite Care -

"Caring for loved ones and caregivers."

Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117 or dhett@stlukeum.com

When facing life's challenges, misfortunes, or difficulties, nothing is more beneficial than interpersonal relationships. Consider the following –

- When others offer you support, accept it with gratitude rather than pushing it away.
- When you are given compassion and empathy, respond by offering your compassion to others in need.
- Educate others about your problem; tell your story so that they will understand what you are facing.
- Foster relationships with professionals who can help you – doctors, lawyers, pastors, psychologists.

Allowing friends and family to accompany you on your journey is a gift to them as well as to yourself.

Program Assistant for Respite Care: After 15 years of service, Mary Williams is retiring from her position as Program Assistant for the Respite Care Ministry. Mary started in this position in September, 1999, a few months after Respite Care began, and has provided the hands, heart, and love of Jesus to countless families. If you are interested in this part-time position, please contact Diane Hett, **706-256-3117**, dhett@stlukeum.com.



THE CORNER

Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries,
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This Sunday Night..."Come Together"...Middle and High School Come Together...Big Night of Worship...Food...Games...Message...these nights are so much fun, and worship is electric with over 100 of us all packed into The Corner!!!

DNOW...We have had A TON OF SIGN UPS...BUT There is still time to sign up...go to www.thecornerstudents.com. Click "the gospel" icon and get signed up today...there is a schedule online as well as all kinds of information. We have Ed Newton, www.ednewton.tv, and Andy and Ruth Bowen coming to pour into our students. Dnow weekend is full of life change, life connections and Spiritual growth! Get signed up today!

Souled Out Winter! Let's go skiing! December 29-Jan. 1! Souled Out Winter is A CORNER TRADITION!!! Last year we took 105 people to Winter and it was an amazing time in Black Mt., NC! Get all the details at www.thecornerstudents.com and get signed up today!

High Schoolers and their parents...ask me about Guatemala 2015!!!

