A PEOPLE OF EXTREME GENEROSITY

I can think of no more appropriate phrase to describe St. Luke than “the people of God who practice extreme generosity.” St. Luke people show extreme generosity of heart and love to others and practice extreme generosity in terms of financial resources. You may remember, on June 24 of 2012, a called Church Conference approved a capital renovation and restoration campaign in the amount of 5.6 million dollars. By year’s end, the congregation pledged some $5.7 million for this project in addition to a 3.7 million dollar budget for ministry and mission. That’s $9.4 million in calendar year 2012! As a result of your extreme generosity:

1. The roofs of the sanctuary, main educational building, Stockwell Hall, Early Learning Center, Turner Chapel, and the Samaritan Center were all replaced.

2. The sanctuary, chapel, ministry center, Stockwell Hall and the main educational building were totally refurbished with new flooring, painting, plaster, and fully refinished pews for the chapel. The college house was remodeled for greater ministry effectiveness as was the youth center and food pantry.

3. The stain glass windows in the sanctuary and chapel were cleaned, restored and all new protective windows were installed. Every window in our main educational building was replaced. Fire safety systems throughout the main education building were upgraded and replaced. All lighting fixtures and switches were replaced with new more energy efficient equipment.

4. The camera system for the sanctuary was replaced with an HD camera system, and the same camera system was added to the ministry center, enabling the broadcast of two services each week with an average viewing audience of over 20,000 people.

5. Your generosity also retired a long-standing debt of 1.7 million dollars as a part of this campaign to restore the tools for ministry at St. Luke.

I am pleased to tell you that the final project of this multi-year renovation and restoration campaign has begun. The installation of an elevator on the Third Avenue side of Stockwell Hall is underway and, we hope, will be completed in early June. This will provide long needed access to Stockwell Hall and the education building for those with mobility limitations.

Because you are a people of such extreme generosity, the facilities of St. Luke are safer, more beautiful, more efficient, more accessible, and more inviting than ever before. Please pardon the sidewalk intrusion (for progress) on Third Avenue over the next six weeks, and thank you for making it all possible.
ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.stlukeum.com and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9.

April 8, 2018 2nd Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  Color: White

Prelude...................................................... “In Thee Is Gladness” .........................Dale Wood

Invitation to Worship.........................................................The Rev. Robert Beckum

Choral Call to Worship........... “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ..........Ludwig van Beethoven

*Hymn............................................. “Christ Is Risen” .........................................Number 307

*The Affirmation of Faith (I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20).................Number 888

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father).............................................................Number 70

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 and Lord’s Prayer (pg. 895).......................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard
(11:00 a.m.) Rev. Brett Maddocks

The Children’s Sermon..........(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard
(11:00 a.m.) Miss Hope Sims

(After the Children’s Sermon at 11:00 a.m., 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................................... “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” ......................Number 616

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

**Offertory Anthem (Chancel Choir)..... “Since by Man Came Death” .........George F. Handel


The Spoken Word.......................

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:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving...............................................................Page 23; Hymnal

*Hymn............................................. “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” .........................Number 384

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response.............. “Sevenfold Amen” ............Peter Lutkin

Postlude......................................................... “Christ the Lord” .......................................Diane Bish

Acolytes (11:00 a.m.): Hannah Grace Mayfield and Grace Walker.

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

***Don’t have a Bible? Contact us at maggie@stlukeum.com and we will send you one.
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 8
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN)
9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet (Parlor, Main)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Youth leaving for Six Flags
College Small Group (College House)
Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9.
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukeum.com beginning at 11:00 a.m.
12:20 p.m. The Hispanic Ministry is meeting in Valdosta with other Spanish-speaking congregations.
5-7:00 p.m. Extreme Kids (MIN)
St. Luke Academy (LD, MIN)
6:00 p.m. Wind Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110, Main)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9.

Monday, April 9
11:00 a.m. Respite Care Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (SD, MIN)
Hands for God Knitting (Parlor)
12 Noon PTO Leadership Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
3:30 p.m. Bricks 4 Kids (Shaw Classroom)
6:30 p.m. New Women’s Bible Study with Mary Pat Beckum (SD, MIN)

Tuesday, April 10
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (SD, MIN)
9:30 a.m. UMW Circle 2 (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
UMW Circle 3 (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Preschool/ELC Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
11:30 a.m. Kiwanis (SD, MIN)
3:15 p.m. Children’s Choir (Ministry Center)
5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
5:30 p.m. **Wednesday Night Supper (LD, MIN)**
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Pack 35 (Church)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Spanish (Room 110, Main)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)
8:10 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team (Chapel, Main)

Wednesday, April 11
8:35 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 (Sanctuary, Main)
11:30 a.m. Kiwanis (SD, MIN)
3:15 p.m. Children’s Choir (Ministry Center)
5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
5:30 p.m. **Wednesday Night Supper (LD, MIN)**
6:30 p.m. SLS PTO (LD, MIN)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Spanish (Room 110, Main)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)
8:10 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team (Chapel, Main)

Thursday, April 12
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon Women’s Bible Study (Room 110, Main)
6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study (Corner Café, MIN)

Friday, April 13
10:45 a.m. MREA Luncheon (LD, MIN)

Saturday, April 14
6:00 p.m. Harris County High School Prom (LD, MIN)

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - April 11**

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:** Fried Chicken, Smoked Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, and Assorted Desserts.

Name: __________________________ Adult ($7.00) _______ Child ($3.00) _______

Daytime Phone: __________________ Email: ______________________________________
Did you know that there is a place for YOU in the Music Ministry? Do you play an instrument or sing? Please consider singing or playing in service to God. Call me at 706-256-2682 or e-mail me to find your place in the Music Ministry. A special call to high school age musicians; you are most welcome to join choir, bells, and orchestra.

Today’s anthem: “Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: The Hispanic Ministry is meeting in Valdosta with other Spanish-speaking congregations.


ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful arrangements in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Gene Dickson by his family to commemorate his 90th birthday.


WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Justin (Kathryn) Konsler, who were united in Christian marriage March 24, 2018, at St. Luke.

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Stephanie) Privette announce the birth of a daughter, Helen Elizabeth Privette, March 31, 2018, Columbus, GA. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack (JoRhee) Pezold and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Cathy) Privette. A rose has been placed in the Worship Center in her honor.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mrs. Susan Wiley and Ms. Anna Wiley in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Wiley, March 23, 2018, Social Circle, GA.

-Respite Care-

“Caring for loved ones and caregivers.”

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

Thank you Miss Columbus, Lyndsay Richardson, for sharing your beautiful voice and sweet spirit with Respite Care.

You certainly brightened our day!

HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?

You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:

1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.
3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!
C H I L D R E N ’ S M I N I S T R Y
Hope Sims, Director of Children’s Ministries, hsims@stlukeum.com - www.cornerkidz.com

CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted upstairs to the new Corner Kidz Room next to the Gymnasium. Parents need to pick up children from new Corner Kidz Room immediately after the 9 a.m. service.

CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted to Stockwell Hall. Please pick up your child at Stockwell Hall after the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held in the main church building. Parents must drop off their children to appropriate classrooms. There will be individuals waiting to help direct and answer questions. Parents pick up children from Sunday School at 10:50 a.m.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR is held Wednesday afternoons, 3-5 p.m. Questions? Email Hope Sims at hsims@stlukeum.com.

PASTOR ON CALL
706-327-4343

ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT LUNCHEON
featuring Comedian Sam Beman
April 24, 11:30 A.M. (MIN)
Cost: $10
Reservations: kym@stlukeum.com or Kym 706-327-4343.

ST. LUKE SUMMER

CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.)
CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.)
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHILDREN’S CHOIR
PASTOR ON CALL
ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT LUNCHEON
2019 Interfaith Israel Adventure
Rabbi Beth Schwartz and the Rev. Cindy Cox Garrard
Feb. 1-12, 2019
Information: 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.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Betty Pearson by Rev. and Mrs. Dick Reese. In memory of Mr. Brandon Woodard by Danielle Woodard. In memory of Mr. Heidt Neal and in honor of his distinguished family by Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Calhoun. In memory of Mr. Heidt Neal by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Lawhorne, Jr., Mr. Stevens Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Wood, Mr. Kevin Harcourt, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Bolts Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Peebles, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hudson, Ms. Mary Kemp, Mrs. Patty Branch Robinson, Ms. Patsy Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Allen, Ms. Sally Hatcher, and Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Rollins, Jr. In memory of Mr. Heidt Neal, Mrs. Julie Mitchell, Mrs. Betty Pearson, and Mr. Philip Adams by Mrs. Joan Mize Holder.

Respite Care: In honor of Mrs. Jane Duncan by Mrs. Annette Pollock. In memory of Mr. Heidt Neal by Mr. and Mrs. Houser Pugh.

Open Door: In memory of Mr. Heidt Neal by Mrs. Martha Cunningham.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Mr. Heidt Neal by Mr. and Mrs. Mote Andrews. In memory of Mr. L. A. Binns by the Fellowship/Jesus is Lord Class, Mr. Kevin Harcourt, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Mr. F. Steve Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wiley, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill, Jr.

Music Scholarship Fund: In honor of Dr. Marc Boensel by Mrs. Joan Mize Holder.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Heidt Neal by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cartledge.

The OPEN DOOR CLASSIC 5K to end poverty has raised close to $80,000 to date with more gifts coming in every day! It was a beautiful day, and we had approximately 500 walkers, runners and volunteers “move to end poverty” and raise awareness of the needs of our neighbors who live in poverty and funds to address those needs—all for the ministries of Open Door Community House. Congratulations to our award winners! St. Luke raised the most money to end poverty at $16,740 (with more gifts expected!)

St. Luke School won the spirit award for demonstrating the most enthusiasm. Pictured also are the winners of the Fun Run: 1st, Aaron Dozier; 2nd, Oliver Pendleton; and 3rd, Jake Copeland.

John Martin won the award for the individual who raised the most money—almost $11,000! He won the coveted gift certificate from Epic.

We are grateful to all who volunteered, ran, walked, raised funds for us or made a donation. Many thanks to each one of you!

OUR PHONE NUMBERS

Church Office, 706-327-4343 • Preschool, 706-327-4343
St. Luke School, 706-256-1301 • Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703
Ministry Center, 706-256-1017 • Respite Care Ministry, 706-256-3117

Six Flags April 8th - Check in with Erin at 8:45 a.m., and leave for Six Flags right after The Nine.

Senior Sunday is May 6th: If you are a 12th grade student attending St. Luke and you want to participate in Senior Sunday, please contact Jonathan Moore or Erin Knight for more information.

***Sign ups are underway for Souled Out Summer - June 4-8, 2018! Wanna go to the beach with 700 of your closest friends? Wanna travel on 4 charter buses with The Corner and Crosswalk to Panama City Beach this June? Sign up today for Souled Out Summer! www.thecornerstudents.com

Cost: $339. Some Scholarships are available.