



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

July 20, 2025
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 • Bluffton, SC 29909
www.stlukesumc-okatie.org

WELCOME

Our hope is that you will experience God our Father's love in our worship service today. Guests, we are happy you are with us and hope we have extended to you a warm welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask any member about our church and the activities we offer. The informative information, located in the bins in the back of the church, provides some of St. Luke's history.

Please let us know you were with us today by signing the BLUE REGISTRATION PAD located at the end of each pew.

Church Office:	843-705-3022
Mailing Address:	PO Box 2779 Bluffton, SC 29910
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Website:	www.stlukesumc-okatie.org
Church's email address:	stlukesumc.hwy170@gmail.com
Pastor's Mailing Address:	Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson 465 Live Oak Walk Bluffton, SC 29910
Cell phone:	864-704-0728
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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please text or call his cell phone (864-704-0728) for an appointment to be sure he doesn't have a prior commitment.

MEETINGS:

Project 150 - Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m.



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Chris and Donna Hauck

10:15 – Amy Erickson and Leslie Richards

PRELUDE: *“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”* Moore

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Family of God”

CENTERING MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Verses 1 & 5

Words, No. 546

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 82 No. 804

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 10:38-42

8:30 – Alan Jordan

10:15 – Aaron Metropolis

***OPENING HYMN:** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* No. 103

Verses 1, 2 & 4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881

***GLORIA PATRI** *“Glory Be to the Father”* No. 70

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER No. 895

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/
OFFERTORY:** *“My Savior’s Love”* Gabriel

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* No. 396
Verses 1, 3 & 4

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:38-42

MESSAGE: *“Focus on What is Most Important”*
Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” No. 349

Verse 1

Music interlude during invitation

Repeat Verse 1

*All are welcome to come to the altar to lift prayers and
praises during the last hymn.*

*BENEDICTION

***“God Be with You Till we Meet Again”** (Hymnal inside back cover)

***POSTLUDE:** *“The Unclouded Day”* Atwood

**Please stand as able.*

UMCOR – The United Methodist Committee on Relief U.S. Disaster Response (UMCOR USDR) seeks to alleviate suffering caused by disasters that strike within the United States and its territories. If you would like to donate to UMCOR to assist with the flood relief in Texas and North Carolina, please make your check payable to St. Luke's UMC with "UMCOR Advance # 901670" on the memo line. Your gift to UMCOR makes God's love tangible to survivors of all kinds—be it from hurricane, earthquake, flood or famine, war or conflict.

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 8:00 a.m. MONDAY mornings in Fellowship Hall. Contact Alan Bethel or Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – THURSDAYS from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, facilitated by Pastor Chris. Please bring your Bible.

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Come join the fun! We'll play MEXICAN TRAIN on Saturday, July 26 at 4:30 in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard LaFever, 7/24
Lois Finch, 7/26
Eric Woods, 7/26
MaKayla Carter, 7/27
Dell Harper, 7/28

Doris & Bob Heck, 7/20
Joyce & Bill Haskins, 7/21
Pam & Rick Hoel, 7/25
Denise & Randy Pryor, 7/27
Elizabeth & Archie Vance, 7/27

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Carla Carte in memory of her husband, Chuck.

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A bequest to the Church extends your love beyond your lifetime.

MISSIONS

AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER – 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville. Volunteers are needed to help distribute fresh food to local families in need on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please contact Leslie Richards at leslierichards717@gmail.com for more information.

BLUFFTON SELF HELP – Donations are collected the first Sunday of the month or place donations in the basket in Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE is here to help if you are going through an illness or another crisis by providing meals and caring phone calls. If you need some support or would like to help in this ministry, please contact Marie Baldauf at 843-705-2210 or baldaufmarie@gmail.com.

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VOLUNTEERS are needed for GREETERS/USHERS and GOSPEL READERS for both the 8:30 and 10:15 services. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please email Nancy Sariscak at nlsack72@gmail.com or Amy Erickson at amyhousererickson@gmail.com.

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS – Please contact Amy Erickson (amyhousererickson@gmail.com) if you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event or a meeting. The Fellowship Hall calendar is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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Please send information for UPCOMING MEETINGS, BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS and the PRAYER REQUEST LIST to Amy Erickson amyhousererickson@gmail.com and Linda Metcalf lmetcalf2010@hotmail.com.



Join our Team! St. Luke's Missions Committee, in collaboration with our youth, is sponsoring a team to participate in the Walk for Water to support Water Mission.

What is Walk for Water?

A 3 mile walk to raise awareness and money to fight the global water crisis. The walk will begin in Wright Family Park in Bluffton at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 20. Pre-registration is \$20 for adults; \$10 for children. St. Luke's has ten free registrations available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Who is Water Mission?

A Charleston, SC, based Christian engineering nonprofit that builds sustainable safe water solutions for people in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas, including western North Carolina after Hurricane Helene. They have served more than 8 million people through 3,000 projects in 60 countries. They are intentional in sharing the message of the Living Water, Jesus, wherever they go. For more information, visit their website – WaterMission.org.

Ready to Join St. Luke's Team or Need More Info?

Please contact our Team Captain, Michelle Cramer, by Sunday, August 10, at mviolin2003@yahoo.com or 843-290-9330.

Millions of women and children walk more than 3 miles to collect water for their families every day! Two billion people around the world lack access to safe water.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Marsha Gerber	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Linda Jackson	Alan Bethel	
Pam Hoel	Thomas Cook	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Edward, brother of Debra Burr
Kelly Mayer, daughter of Donna Stephen
Drew Howell, nephew of Donna Stephen
David Howell, brother of Donna Stephen
Jill Demsack, friend of Jane Tiffany
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Courtney, daughter of Judi Landin
Donna Ludwig, friend of Marie Baldauf
Sharon Johnson, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Jim Myers, neighbor of Judi Landin
Eva Bergren, friend of Sheryll Ingram
Tina McIlroy, friend of Ann Webster
Gary Bethel, brother of Alan Bethel
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel
Joan Wagner, sister of Constance Ulrich
The Scott family
Margo, daughter of Suzie Wiles, friend of Constance Ulrich
Tilly, daughter of Sandy Lowry
Dara, sister of Margo Cservek
Helena, daughter of Don McKay, and Helena's daughter, Amelia
Paul Black, friend of Chick Mazon
Ethel Johnson, sister of Archie Vance
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Norman Neus
Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sheryll Ingram
Gina Tuttle, friend of Jerry Vagnier
Beverly Smith, Peggy Firtion's next-door neighbor's sister
Makayla, granddaughter of Pastor and Cynthia
Ellen, wife of Richard Rohde
The Frugonis, friends of Marie Baldauf
Barbara O'Connor, friend of Lois Willig
Avery, granddaughter of Fran Iacovo
Karen Metz, friend of Ouida Dell

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Fran Iacovo and the family and friends of Lynn, friend of Fran's, who passed away on June 15.