



# St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

July 27, 2025  
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 • Bluffton, SC 29909  
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## 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.

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**PASTOR'S OFFICE** - No office hours this week. Pastor is away on vacation. In case of emergency, please contact Rev. Randall Haase, Church of the Palms, (419) 276-0432.

**MEETINGS:** Trustee, Tuesday, 8/5 at 9:00 a.m.  
Missions, Wednesday, 8/6 at 1:00 p.m.  
Council, Thursday, 8/14 at 3:30 p.m.



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**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Kathy and Jim Smith

10:15 – Margo and Joe Cservek

**PRELUDE:** “Amazing Grace”

arr. Anna Laura Page

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Family of God”

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“Seek Ye First”

Verses 1 & 2

No. 405

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING:**

Psalms 85

No. 806

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 11:1-13

8:30 – Jim Smith

10:15 – Cynthia Thompson

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

Verse 1

No. 176

**\*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:** “Lord Listen to Your Children”

Hanson/Murkami

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** “This Is My Song”

No. 437

Verses 1, 2 & 3

**SCRIPTURE:**

Luke 11:1-13

**MESSAGE:**

“Our Prayer Life: How Do We Pray?”

Rev. Thompson

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

No. 496

Verses 1 & 3

Congregation sings 1<sup>st</sup> verse

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 3<sup>rd</sup> verse

*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:** “Love Lifted Me”

*\*Please stand as able.*

TODAY, everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion to residents at CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON at 1:00 pm.

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Thank you for your donations to UMCOR Advance #901670 to help alleviate suffering in the flood disasters. Please know that donations to UMCOR can be given anytime throughout the year. Just make your check payable to St. Luke's UMC with UMCOR Advance #901670 for the US (or Global #982450) on the memo line.

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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 - No Women's Bible Study on Thursday, July 31. Next study will be on Thursday, August 7.

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#### BIRTHDAYS

MaKayla Carter, 7/27  
Dell Harper, 7/28  
Donna Stephen, 8/1  
Carol Jackson, 8/2  
Jim Jackson, 8/2  
Archie Vance, 8/4

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth & Archie Vance, 7/27  
Denise & Randy Pryor, 7/27  
Ann & Allen Webster, 7/29  
Carol & Jim Jackson, 7/29  
Lynn & Joseph Cutshall, 7/31  
Tatyana Topoleski & Darrel Fitzgerald, 8/4

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lynn and Joe Cutshall in honor of their anniversary on July 31.

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Is your love for the Church reflected in your giving?

#### MISSIONS (See Next Page)

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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.

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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 contact Nancy Sariscak or Amy Erickson.

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS - Please contact Amy Erickson 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 and Linda Metcalf.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan      Marsha Gerber      Candace Payne  
Linda Jackson      Andy & Sharon Makarick  
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, friends of Phyllis Sippel  
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  
Joseph, husband of Lynn Cutshall  
Zha Zha, dog of Will Ross and Pat Schwartz  
Bethany Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
Santino Ferrucci, friend of J.P. Moery  
Leon Smith, friend of Ouida Dell  
Gaven Smith, friend of Ouida Dell  
Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Jerry Wick,  
member of our church, whose wife, Jane  
passed away on July 24.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and  
family of Marie Smith, friend of the Wheelers, who  
recently passed away.*

## **Missions Happenings – August 2025**

- **August 3 -- First Sunday Mission for Bluffton Self Help**  
Donations will be collected in our parking lot before each worship service. Here are the most-needed items at this time:

### **Whole Grain Cereal\***

### **Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup\***

### **Shelf Stable Salad Dressing\***

### **Canned Beans\***

Peanut, Almond or Cashew Butter

Shelf Stable Milks

Rice & Whole Grain Pasta

Canned Tomatoes & Sauces

Unsweetened Applesauce

Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken

### **Shampoo & Conditioner\***

### **Shaving Cream\***

### **Training Pants (2T-5T)\***

### **Deodorant\***

Soap & Body Wash

### **Oatmeal\***

### **Flour & Baking Mixes\***

### **Condiments\***

Canned or Dried Fruits

Granola Bars

Hearty Soups (Low Sodium)

Coconut Oil

Cane Sugar

Low Sugar Jelly & Honey

Gluten Free Foods

### **Toothpaste\***

### **Baby Wipes\***

### **Diapers (size 4, 5, 6 & 7)\***

### **Feminine Products\***

Body Lotion

\*Priority items based on current inventory

- **August 3 (Sunday) – Sign-ups begin for Family Promise meals**  
August 21 (Thursday) & August 22 (Friday). Please check the sanctuary bulletin board to help with the items needed.
- **August 6 (Wednesday), 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting**  
in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **August 10 (Sunday) – Sign up by this date to join St. Luke's Walk for Water Team** that takes place **on September 20**. Early registration gets you free or reduced-price registration and participation t-shirt in desired size.
- **August 25, Monday, 10:00 – 12:00 -- Join us in the Fellowship Hall and help make no-sew blankets.** Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.
- **Saturdays and Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00 -- Agape Family Life Center**, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville – Volunteers needed to help distribute fresh food to local families in need.

**Thank you for supporting St. Luke's Missions!**