



Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

October 12, 2025
8:30 a.m. 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.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2:00 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:



St. Luke's United Methodist Church
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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 12, 2025

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 - Kathy and Jim Smith

10:15 – Megan and David Sytsma

PRELUDE: *“I Will Bless the Lord”*

- Hernandez

Sherri Prosser, flute

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Family of God”

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *“I Will Remember Thee”*

- Althouse

The Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 66:8-20 No. 790

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 17:11-19

8:30 – Joann Sandruck

10:15 – Cynthia Thompson

***OPENING HYMN:** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* No. 89

Verses 1, 3 & 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: *“Oh Bless the Gifts”* - Twila Paris

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* No. 140

Verses 1, 2 & 3

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19

MESSAGE: “How to be Thankful”
Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

No.102

Verses 1 & 3

Congregation sings 1st verse

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 3rd 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”** (*Holding hands is optional*)
(Hymnal inside back cover)

***POSTLUDE:** *“Saved, Saved!”* - Scholfield

*Please stand as able.

On Wednesday, OCTOBER 15 at 7:00 p.m. PASTOR CHRIS will be the speaker at SAND HILL UMC, 1961 Summers Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472. It will be about 1 1/2 hour of drive time. Directions from St. Luke's to Sand Hill:

Follow SC-170 E to US-21 N in Beaufort, 24 min (19.6 mi)

Follow US-21 N and US-17 N to Parkers Ferry Rd/State Rd S-10-38 in Charleston County, 41 min (39.2 mi)

Continue on Parkers Ferry Rd to your destination in Dorchester County, 18 min (11.9 mi)

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DOMINO NIGHT – Saturday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please join the fun and bring a friend! Dinner will be served.

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OLLI is offering a course at St. Luke's on OCTOBER 20. If you are interested in LEADING a TOUR OF THE CEMETERY, please see Alan Bethel or Kathy Smith. They will provide information and will practice with you.

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OCTOBER 26 is Casual Friends and Family Sunday. Dress casually in orange, and bring a friend or neighbor to one of the Sunday services!

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

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – There will be NO Women's Bible Study on Oct. 16 – The next study will be on Thursday, Oct. 23, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Chris Hauck, 10/14
Carole Bethel, 10/17
Bill Halstead, 10/18
Peggy Firtion, 10/20

ANNIVERSARIES

Meg Carmody & Stan O'Rear
(Belated 10/02)
Pat Schwartz & Will Ross, 10/13
Karen & Alan Jordan, 10/19

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jane Tiffany in loving memory of her brothers, Johnny and Michael.

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE - We will be providing meals on October 30 (Thursday) and October 31 (Friday). Please check the Sanctuary bulletin board to help with the items needed.

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PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY - October 27 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall and help make no-sew blankets.

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SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX KICK OFF - October 27 (Monday) 11:30 a.m. (after Prayer Blanket Ministry). Everyone is invited to come by and pick up a shoebox (bring a lunch if you would like). Dessert and drinks will be served.

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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, 10:00-12:00. Please contact Leslie Richards for more information.

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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.

The **Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra** kicks off its 44th season with a FREE outdoor Symphony Under The Stars concert on Thursday, OCTOBER 16, 2025, beginning at 7:30 pm, at Martin Family Park in downtown Bluffton. Conducted by Music Director John Morris Russell, *Cabaret Café*, will be an unforgettable evening inspired by the bold spirit and sultry charm of 1930s cabarets in Berlin, Paris, Harlem, and Buenos Aires. Vocalist **Victoria Okafor** brings the era to life with powerful renditions of iconic songs by **Kander & Ebb** (*Cabaret, Chicago*), **Kurt Weill** (*Threepenny Opera*), **Édith Piaf** (“La Vie en Rose”), and timeless **tango classics**. *Cabaret Café* promises an evening of playful indulgence—perfect for gathering with friends and welcoming the fall season in style.

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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.

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Express your gratitude for what you received: add 20% to your giving.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Beverly Cook	Judi & Gary Landin	John Sariscak
Bill Trainer	Scott Wheeler	Andy & Sharon Makarick	Candace Payne
Mim Mazon	Pam Hoel	Karen Jordan	
John Hubbard	Lois Finch	Charlene King	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
 Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
 Ethel Johnson, sister of Archie Vance
 David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
 Norman Neus
 Ellen, wife of Richard Rohde
 Karen Metz, friend of Ouida Dell
 Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell
 Carl Wheeler, brother of Joann Sandruck
 Eula Payton, friend of Cynthia Thompson
 Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich
 Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
 Lisa, friend of Pat Simmons' daughter
 Daughter of Don McKay
 Bethany, granddaughter of Ouida Dell
 Sheila Palamina, friend of Althea Serrant
 Micky Yew, relative of Linda Fisher
 John Busby, nephew of J.W. Harper
 Karen, friend of Judi Landin
 Connor Hughes, nephew of Margo Cservek
 Lynn Hickie, friend of Phyllis Sippel
 Persephone, sister of Penelope Power, guest of St. Luke's
 Linda, best friend of Judi Landin's daughter, Nikki
 Jenny, granddaughter of Tina Blount
 Todd, son of Rich Rohde
 Kevin and his wife, friends of Stanley O'Rear
 Kimberly, daughter of Pat Schwartz
 Lewis Cheu, brother of Letty Husson
 Sandra, wife of Kevin Coupland
 Jason, son of Sherri Prosser

Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Charles O'Donnell, friend of Chick Mazon for 76 years, on Charles' recent passing.