

# GOD

## SO LOVED THE WORLD,

that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16



### 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:** Trustees - Tuesday, October 7 at 9:00 am  
Missions - Wednesday, October 8 at 1:00 pm  
Church Council - Thursday, October 9 at 3:30 pm



# St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Where Friends and Faith Meet

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 - Jerry Vagnier and John Sariscak

10:15 – Amy Erickson and Thomas Cook

**PRELUDE:** “*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*” -arr. Sanborn

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“*Family of God*”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“*Trust and Obey*”

Verses 1 & 4

No. 467

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING:**

Psalms 137

No. 852

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

8:30 – Pat Schwartz

10:15 – Cathy Hamlin

Luke 17:5-10

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

“*Standing on the Promises*”

Verses 1, 3 & 4

No. 374

**\*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:** “*Autumn*”

-Stickles

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”

No. 452

Verses 1, 3 & 4

**SCRIPTURE:**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

**MESSAGE:**

“Increase Our Faith”

Rev. Thompson

**\*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

“*Let Us Break Bread Together*”

No. 618

*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:** “*Living for Jesus*”

*\*Please stand as able.*

TODAY, at the conclusion of the service, baskets will be available for donations to the PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND. Individuals seeking these donations may need assistance with housing, food, or medical expenses.

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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 - THURSDAYS from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, facilitated by Pastor Chris. Please bring your Bible.

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CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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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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#### BIRTHDAYS

John Hubbard, 10/9 (95 yrs.)  
Sharon Makarick, 10/9  
Phyllis Sippel, 10/10

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Schwartz and Will Ross, 10/13

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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.

## MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE - Sign-ups begin for Family Promise meals on October 12 (Sunday.) 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. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.

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SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX KICK OFF - October 27 (Monday) 11:30 a.m. 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.

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Stocks or life insurance you no longer need? Give it to the Church.

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	Beverly Cook	Judi & Gary Landin
Bill Trainer	Scott Wheeler	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Mim Mazon	Pam Hoel	Karen Jordan
John Hubbard	Lois Finch	

### 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  
The Frugonis, friends of Marie Baldauf  
Carl Wheeler, brother of Joann Sandruck  
Eula Payton, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
Richard Bibi, husband of friend of Marie Baldauf  
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  
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  
Travel mercies for those who are traveling