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*This is the LORD,
for whom we have
waited; let's be glad
and rejoice in
his salvation!*

ISAIAH 25:9 (CEB)

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: Coffee Hour Ministry, 12:30 PM - December 27



*Please stand as able.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - To receive credit on your year-end giving statement, all donations must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2025.



TOURS OF THE CEMETERY will begin in January. If you would like to be on a committee to help organize the tours, please let Kathy Smith know.

DECEMBER 21 – we will have ONE SERVICE at 9:15 a.m. Marsha Gerber and the Chancel Choir will present a Christmas Cantata. You won't want to miss it.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – we will Celebrate Christmas with our traditional Candlelight Service at 6:00 p.m. Come join us to hear scripture, sing Christmas Carols and end with the lighting of the candles and singing Silent Night.

COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY – We will hold a meeting on Saturday, DECEMBER 27th at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in being part of this ministry is warmly invited to join us!

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

Marnie Beebe, 12/18

None this week

Nettie Peck, 12/19

Cathy Hamlin, 12/22

MEMBERSHIP: We will be receiving NEW MEMBERS on Sunday, DECEMBER 28th. If you would like to join St. Luke's UMC, please fill out an "Invitation to Membership" form and place it in the collection plate. Pastor Chris will get in touch with you. The forms are on the Sanctuary bulletin board and in the Fellowship Hall. We will have ONE service at 9:15 am. In this service, we will WELCOME NEW MEMBERS and there will be an INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS for the year 2026. If you have agreed to serve St. Luke's as a member of the Church Council, we ask that you attend this service.

CANTERFIELD CHRISTMAS LIST - Please consider purchasing some of the items listed below. As you know, some of us from St. Luke's go visit residents of Canterfield Assisted Living facility on the 4th Sunday of each month. We sing hymns with them and offer communion. On December 28th, we will go for our monthly visit and would like to give each of them a gift bag filled with these items.

There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall where you may place your purchases. Thank you very much for supporting this very special outreach!

Travel Size: Lotion, Tooth Paste, Mouth Wash
Toothbrush, Cross Word Puzzle Book, Adult Coloring Book
Colored Pencils, Socks with Grips, Candy Cane

MISSIONS

PRITCHARDVILLE - Thanks to everyone for their generosity! All your festive gift bags are organized for delivery to Pritchardville on Monday, December 15th. Such an exciting time of spreading Christ's Love--the true meaning of Christmas.

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FAMILY PROMISE – We will provide meals on Tuesday, December 16 and Thursday, December 18. Please check the bulletin board in the Sanctuary to help with the items needed.

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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 at lesliearichards717@gmail.com for more information.

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BLUFFTON SELF HELP - Donations are collected the first Sunday of the month, or can be left in the Bluffton Self Help basket in Fellowship Hall.

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 - will resume on January 8th for a study on the book of Revelation.

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

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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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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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Beverly Cook	Linda O'Connor
Bill Trainer	Pam Hoel	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Mim Mazon	Judi & Gary Landin	Dave Fisher
Lois Finch	Sheryll Ingram	Kevin Prosser

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Norman Neus
Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Daughter of Don McKay
Sheila Palamina, friend of Althea Serrant
Persephone, sister of Penelope Power
Linda, best friend of Judi Landin's daughter, Nikki
Martha, friend of Margo Cservek
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek
Sharon Mogel, friend of Marie Baldauf
Todd, son of Richard Rohde
Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton
June, sister of Janet Jacoby
Dawn Sharp, daughter of Beverly Cook
Heather, friend of Sherri Prosser
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Kayla, granddaughter of Leslie Richards
Lynn, neighbor of Beverly Cook
Joy Haley, friend of the Wheelers
Dorothy Riley, friend of Peggy Firtion
Rosalyn Perdue, mother of Allyn Perdue
John, friend of Judi Landin
Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier
Barbara, sister of Ouida Dell
Helene, friend and neighbor of Susie Brown
Stephanie, daughter of Nettie Peck
Michael, uncle of Megan Sytsma
Annie, acquaintance of Kathy Smith
Bill and Donna, friends of Amy Erickson

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Barbara Cleland, sister of Ouida Dell, on Barbara's passing on December 7.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Nancy, friend of Janet Jacoby, on Nancy's passing.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Brenda, client of Rikita Thompson on the passing of Brenda's husband, Jeff.