



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

January 25, 2026
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.

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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: Quattro – 1:00 p.m., Tues., Jan. 27
(for Pastor, PPRC Chair, Lay Leaders, & Council Chair)
Trustees – 9:00 a.m., Tues., Feb. 3
Vision Committee – 4:00 p.m., Wed. Feb. 4
Missions – 1:00 p.m., Wed., February 11
Council – 3:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 26



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 Janet and Dave Baumeister

10:15 Althea Serrant and Amy Erickson

PRELUDE: *"He Touched Me"*

-Gaither

Sherri Prosser, Flute

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

"Family of God"

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

"Come Follow Me"

The Chancel Choir

-Althouse

OPENING PRAYER Congregation prays together:

Dear Lord, let your divine power flow through us! May you guide us to those who need us, and guide us to those who we need to serve your holy kingdom. Today, may we remain fixated on your mission and serve with a servant's heart. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

PSALTER READING:

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

No. 758

***GOSPEL READING:**

Matthew 4:12-23

8:30 Joann Sandruck

10:15 Althea Serrant

***OPENING HYMN:** *God of the Ages*

No. 698

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: *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* -arr. Thomas

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *Jesus Calls Us*

No. 398

Verses 1, 4 & 5

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 4:12-23 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

MESSAGE:

Follow Me: No Room for Division
Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Where He Leads Me"

No. 338

Verses 1 & 4

Congregation sings 1st verse

Music Interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 4th 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:** *"King of Kings"*

-Anon

*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 p.m.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Agnes Scarlett, 1/25

None

Rick Beebe, 1/26

Michelle Cramer, 1/26

Joe McCulloch, 1/27

Alan Bethel, 1/30

Tina Topoleski, 1/31

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Amy Erickson in memory of her mother, Jane Houser

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MISSIONS (see enclosed insert)

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.

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

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. on the Book of Revelation. Please bring your Bible.

VISION IN ACTION: You're Invited! Vision Committee Meeting, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we come together to review our Mission Statement and reflect on the goals established on September 6, 2023. This important gathering will also focus on shaping new goals for 2026–2028, ensuring our church continues to move forward with purpose, faith, and clarity. Your voice matters. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. Whether you've been part of the process before or are joining for the first time, your insight, ideas, and perspective are valued and needed as we discern God's vision for the future. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to strengthen the path ahead. Come be part of the vision!

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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.

Missions Happenings – February 2026

- **February 1 -- 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:

Canned Peas, Canned Beans	Canned Fruit
Cereal & Oatmeal	Shelf Stable Dressing
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup	Peanut Butter, Jelly
Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken	Macaroni & Cheese
Cream Soups & Hearty Soups	Broths & Gravies
Rice & Rice Sides	Canned Tomatoes
Chilli, Beef Stew	Skillet Meal Kits
Taco Kits, Salsa, Black Beans	Canned Beans

Hygiene Items: Baby Wipes, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Feminine Products, Shampoo, Conditioner, Diapers (size 4, 5, 6 & 7)

- **February 1 (Sunday) – Sign-ups begin for Family Promise meals for February 17 (Tuesday) and February 19 (Thursday).** Please check the bulletin board to help with the items needed.
- **February 11 (Wednesday) 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **February 15 (Sunday) – Special Conference Offering for Peace with Justice.** Additional information will be in our church newsletter. Envelopes will be provided if you would like to give an offering.
- **February 23 (Monday) 10:00 AM, Prayer Blanket Ministry –** Join us in the Fellowship Hall to 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 – Help distribute fresh food to local families in need.

Thank you for supporting St. Luke's Missions!

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Judi & Gary Landin	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Bill Trainer	Candace Payne	George Batten
Mim Mazon	Dave Fisher	
Lois Finch	Matthew Metropolis	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Daughter of Don McKay
Persephone, sister of Penelope Power
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Dorothy Riley, friend of Peggy Firtion
Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier
Stephanie, daughter of Nettie Peck
Michael, uncle of Megan Sytsma
Mother of Megan Sytsma
Diane Oder, friend of Diana Hamilton
Kim Piehl, daughter-in-law of Fran Iacovo
Steve Rose, friend of Candace Payne
Pete Burger, friend of Jane Tiffany
Jan Demcsak, neighbor of Jane Tiffany
Edith, friend of Barb Silcox
Dennis Adelman, friend of Diana Hamilton
John, grandnephew of Meg Carmody
Todd Rohde, son of Rich Rohde
Angie, Karl and Zahg, son and family of Bill Husson
Buffy Hopkins, friend of Dawn Hall
Suzie Wiles, friend of Constance Ulrich
Debbie Watkins, friend of Carol Jackson
Pat & Bob Lawn, brothers of Carol Jackson
Donna Lewis, sister of Tina Topoleski
Julie Sexton, friend of Diana Hamilton
Ryan, brother of Kevin Coupland
Pat, neighbor of Janet Jacoby
Jason, son of Sherri Prosser
Frank