

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, frien

Ruth Dolan	Judi & Gary Landin	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Bill Trainer	Candace Payne	George Batten
Mim Mazon	Linda O'Connor	
Lois Finch	Dave Fisher	

d 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
Rosalyn Perdue, mother of Allyn Perdue
Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier
Stephanie, daughter of Nettie Peck
Michael, uncle of Megan Sytsma
Mother of Megan Sytsma
Robin, friend of Margo Cservek
Diana Oder, friend of Diana Walker
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
Jeffrey and Lynette, friends of Amy Dauplaise
John, grandnephew of Meg Carmody
Debbie, friend of Carol Jackson
Todd Rohde, son of Rich Rohde
Angie, Karl, and Zahg, son and family of Bill Husson

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family
of Lucy, friend of Harriet McCauley, on Lucy's passing on December 28.*





St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Where Friends and Faith Meet
Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Epiphany Sunday January 4, 2026

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30: Jerry Vagnier and John Sariscak
10:15: Barb Silcox and Harriet McCauley

PRELUDE: "We Three King"

-John H. Hopkins

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

"Family of God"

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Verses 1, 2 & 3

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 147:12-20

No. 859

***GOSPEL READING:**

8:30: Kathy Smith
10:15: Sherri Prosser

John 1:1-9, 10-18

***OPENING HYMN:**

"Jesus Shall Reign"
Verses 1, 4 & 5

No. 157

***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:** "In the Bleak Midwinter"

-Gustav Holst

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** "Make Me a Captive, Lord

No. 421

Verses 1 & 4

SCRIPTURE:

John 1:(1-9), Ephesians 1:3-14

MESSAGE:

"Living in the Light of the Gift"
Rev. Thompson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Jesus Christ, Be the Bread of Peace"

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:** "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

-arr. Renfrow

*Please stand as able.

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 – 9:00 a.m., Tues., January 6
Cemetery Tour Committee – 1:00 p.m., Thurs. January 8
Missions – 1:00 p.m., Wed., January 14
Project 150 – 5:30 p.m. Wed., January 21

LUMINARIES – We need help to remove the luminaries on Tuesday, January 6th at 10:15 a.m.
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ALL CHURCH WORK DAY – Come dressed in work clothes and bring any tools to help with leaf blowing, power washing, weed pulling, etc. on Saturday, January 10th at 9:00 a.m. Great time for fellowship and fun.
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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 – Will resume at 8:00 a.m. Monday morning, JANUARY 5th in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Alan Bethel or Rev. Dr. Lee van Rensburg for additional information.
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Will resume at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, JANUARY 8 for a study on the book of Revelation.
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CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
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TOURS OF THE CEMETERY will begin in January. If you would like to help, please let Kathy Smith know.
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DOMINO NIGHT – Saturday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served. Come and bring a guest.

BIRTHDAYS
Mariah Fair, 1/06
Dash Pryor, 1/07

ANNIVERSARIES
None

MISSIONS
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.

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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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 at 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.