



# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



*Where Friends and Faith Meet*

February 22, 2026  
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 - Bluffton, SC 29909  
[www.stlukesumc-okatie.org](http://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:

Thurs., Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m. - Church Council  
Tues., March 3 at 9:00 a.m. – Trustees - CANCELLED  
Tues., March 10 at 11:00 a.m. - Project 150 **NEW TIME!**  
Tues., March 10 at 2:00 p.m. – PPRC  
Tues. March 10 at 5:00 p.m. – Audit Comm.  
Wed., March 11 at 2:00 p.m. - Missions



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**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

First Sunday in Lent February 22, 2026

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 a.m. – Candace Payne and Nancy Sariscak

10:15 a.m. – Althea Serrant and Leslie Richards

**PRELUDE:** *“My Soul Cries Out to the Lord”* - Althouse  
 The Chancel Choir

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *“In The Singing”* - Young  
 The Chancel Choir

**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:** Psalm 32 No. 766

**\*GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 4:1-11

8:30 – Nancy Sariscak

10:15 – Althea Serrant

**OPENING HYMN:** *“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”* No. 365  
 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:** *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”* - Hearn

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:**  
*“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* No. 269  
 Verses 1, 2 & 5

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 5:12-19

**MESSAGE:** *“From Temptation to Salvation”*  
 Rev. Thompson

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
*“Amazing Grace”* No. 378  
 Verses 1 & 6  
 Congregation sings 1<sup>st</sup> verse  
 Music Interlude during invitation  
 Congregation sings 6<sup>th</sup> 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:** *“Lead Me, Guide Me”* - Akers

\*Please stand as able.

CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – **Today** everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 p.m.

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PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY – Monday, **February 23**, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us to make no sew blankets in Fellowship Hall; bring a lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.

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Join us for FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP on Saturday, **February 28** at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll play Bingo and Mexican Train.

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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; meet & greet at 5:30; study from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our current study is the Book of Revelation. Please bring your Bibles.

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CHOIR PRATICE – Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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LENTEN SERVICES –We will have four Wednesday afternoon Lenten Services at 12:00 noon with a light lunch afterwards on the following dates:

- **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at **Bluffton UMC**
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Luke's UMC\***
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Andrew's Church, HHI**
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>** at **Church of the Palms**

Please check the newsletter for more information.

\*St. Luke's will be hosting the Lenten Service and Luncheon on Wednesday March 11, 2026.

Noon - 12:30 Service; 12:30 - 1 PM light lunch.

Help is needed for different shifts 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and/or to help supply menu items. Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions - see Lois Willig.

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MISSIONS – Please see insert.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Husson, 2/23

Nancy & John Sariscak, 2/26

Janet Baumeister, 2/24

Tom Cook, 2/25

Linda Batten, 2/26

Candace Payne, 2/28

Rich Rohde, 2/28

Amy Erickson, 3/2

Elnora Ekholm, 3/2

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Nancy and John Sariscak in celebration of their anniversary.

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER – Please silence your cell phones, and refrain from using them, if possible, during Sunday services, as it can be a distraction to others. Thanks!

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  | Judi & Gary Landin | Andy & Sharon Makarick |
| Dave Fisher | Amy Dauplaise      | Fran Iacovo            |
| Mim Mazon   | Lois Finch         |                        |

**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  
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton  
Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier  
Diane Gorden, mother of Megan Sytsma  
Diane Oder, friend of Diana Hamilton  
Steve Rose, friend of Candace Payne  
Pete Burger, friend of Jane Tiffany  
John, grandnephew of Meg Carmody  
Todd Rohde, son of Rich Rohde  
Angie, Karl and Zahn, son and family of Bill Husson  
Buffy Hopkins, friend of Dawn Hall  
Pat Lawn, brother of Carol Jackson  
Donna Lewis, sister of Tina Topoleski  
Pat, neighbor of Janet Jacoby  
Barbara Kohlmann, friend of Tina Blount  
Tina, friend of Donna Hauck  
Dottie Apgar, former member  
Debbie, sister of Diana Hamilton  
Carol Hubbard, friend of J.W. Harper  
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek  
Maury and Larry Leedy, brother and sister-in-law of Carole Bethel  
Diane Losk, friend of several church members  
Karen, friend of Tina Blount  
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel  
Bobbi Kramer, friend of Nancy & John Sariscak  
Jack Reed and his family

*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the Reed family who lost family members in a recent fire.*  
*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Sharon Czegledi, friend of Candice Payne, on Sharon's recent passing.*  
*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of Bill Trainer, who passed away on February 19.*

## Missions Happenings – March 2026

- **March 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:

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| Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken     | Canned Fruit        |
| Canned Chili, SpaghettiOs       | Hearty Soups        |
| Canned Beef Stew                | Pasta & Pasta Sauce |
| Rice & Rice Sides               | Skillet Meal Kits   |
| Taco Kits, Salsa, Refried Beans | Cooking Oil         |
| Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup       | Flour, Sugar        |
| Unsweetened Applesauce          | Shelf-Stable Cheese |
| Shelf-Stable Almond Milk        | Ketchup, Mustard    |

Hygiene Items: Soap & Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Baby Wipes, Diapers (size 4, 5, 6 & 7)

- **March 8** – Sign-ups begin for **Family Promise** meals for March 26 (Thursday) and March 27 (Friday). Please check the bulletin board to help with the items needed.
- **March 11 (Wednesday) 2:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **March 15 (Sunday) – Special Offering for UMCOR**  
Additional information will be in our church newsletter.  
Envelopes will be in the bulletin for your offering.
- **March 30 (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. No advance sign-up needed—just show up.

**Thank you for supporting St. Luke's Missions!**

