



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church



Where Friends and Faith Meet

August 23, 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's love in our worship service today. Guests, we are grateful for you, and we hope that we've made you feel welcome! Please don't hesitate to ask any one of us about our church and the ministries we offer! And please let us know you were here today by signing the RED REGISTRATION PAD located at the end of each pew.

Additional information about St. Luke's history and our current happenings are located in the bins at the back of our sanctuary.

Church Office: 843/705-3022
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Bluffton, SC 29909

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Pastor's Office Hours: 8/23/26 – 8/29/26
Monday 8/24 Noon – 4:00 pm
Tuesday 8/25 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday 8/27 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday 8/28 Noon – 4:00 pm

MEETINGS:

Church Council, August 27 at 3:30 p.m.



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Rev. L. Kim Eanes, Pastor

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

St. Luke's Congregation, Ministers

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Linda and Bill Metcalf

10:15 – Linda Fisher and Elizabeth Vance

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 23, 2026

PRELUDE: *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”* -Darwall

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Registration Pad located at the end of each pew.)

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY (See our prayer list)

CENTERING MOMENT – Judi Landin

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively):**

L: Loving God, You have called us together as Your people!

P: TRANSFORM US WITH YOUR LOVE!

L: Transform our hearts,

P: THAT WE MAY LOVE GENEROUSLY!

L: Transform our eyes,

P: THAT WE MAY SEE YOUR GRACE!

L: Transform our hands,

P: THAT WE MAY SERVE OTHERS!

L: Transform our spirits,

P: THAT WE MAY BE THE BODY OF CHRIST, GATHERED TO
WORSHIP, AND SENT OUT TO SERVE!

ALL: AMEN!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***OPENING HYMN:**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

No. 581

Verses 1, 2 & 4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**, The Apostle's Creed No. 881

***GLORIA PATRI** *“Glory Be to the Father”* No. 70

***ACT OF PRAISE** Psalm 124 (w/response) No. 846

8:30 – Joann Sandruck

10:15 - Sherri Prosser

**PRAYERS AND PRAISES/SILENT PRAYER/
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

No. 895

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 12:1-8 The Message

MESSAGE: *“On Being What We Were Made To Be”*

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:**

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

No. 114

Verses 1, 2 & 3

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/

OFFERTORY: *“The Light of the World Is Jesus”*

-Bliss

***THE DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT:** *“Forth In Thy Name, O Lord”* No. 438

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4

(All are welcome to come to the altar to be in prayer and/or for
recommitment during our closing hymn.)

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH** – *“God Be with You Till we Meet Again”*

(Hymnal inside back cover; holding hands is optional)

***POSTLUDE:** *“Postlude in G”*

*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 pm for about 30 minutes.

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Choir rehearsal will resume this Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm.
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We gather every THURSDAY at 5:00 p.m. for our 60-minute study, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Fellowship time follows until 6:30 p.m. Please bring your Participant Book and a favorite Study Bible to class. Contact Pastor Kim with any questions.
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HISTORIC TOURS will be conducted on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Next tour will be on September 20. These tours are open to the community. No reservations are necessary.
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BLANKET MINISTRY – AUGUST 25 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in Fellowship Hall to make no-sew blankets. Bring a lunch and stay for a time of fellowship afterwards.
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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Will resume on Monday SEPTEMBER 14 at 8:00 a.m. Contact Alan Bethel or Rev. Dr. Lee van Rensburg for additional information.
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MEMORY MATTERS - meets on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for an adult social day program and caregiver respite. The program is limited to 15 participants, so if you would like to be on the "INTEREST LIST," please call Memory Matters at (843) 842-6688. Please see St. Luke's Facebook page for more information.

BIRTHDAYS

Leslie Richards, 8/23
Pat Schwartz-Ross, 8/24
Joe Cservek, 8/25
Sharon Symonds, 8/29
Lee van Rensburg, 8/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Karen & Phil Mitchell, 8/27
Wayne Teague & Phyllis Griggs, 8/28
Mim & Chick Mazon, 8/31

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Phyllis Griggs and Wayne Teague to honor their six wonderful years together.

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MISSIONS

BLUFFTON SELF HELP – Donations are collected the first Sunday of the month or can be left in the basket in Fellowship Hall at any time.

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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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If you are going through an illness or another crisis and can use support, please let us know. Marie Baldauf leads this ministry, which can help by providing a meal, a visit, or caring phone calls. Please contact Marie.

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EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Because of faithful supporters like you, Epworth served **2,230 children, youth, and families** through its statewide programs in 2025. On **Sunday, September 13th**, our congregation will participate in the Annual Epworth WorkDay Offering to support the children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries across South Carolina. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate in this special offering. To learn more about Epworth, visit www.epworthsc.org. If you are donating with a check, make it out to St. Luke's and please indicate "Epworth" on the memo line.

PROPERTY PRESERVATION & IMPROVEMENT FUND (PPI) – This is a designated fund the Trustees rely on to make repairs to the church and grounds. Recently, this Fund was used to repair the walkway bridge from the back cemetery, the handicap ramp leading to the sanctuary and our parking lot and exit road were improved. We used the PPI Fund to pay for these expenses. This fund is also used when unexpected damage occurs, *i.e.*, trees down from weather-related incidents, etc. We are asking for members of the congregation to consider donations to the PPI Fund in addition to their normal tithes and offerings. If writing a check, make it out to St. Luke's and indicate "PPI Fund" on the memo line. Thank you in advance!

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PLEASE NOTE there will NOT be a combined service on the fifth Sunday this month. We will have our two regular services with coffee hour fellowship between the services.

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS – Please contact Don or Charlene King if you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event or a meeting.

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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

Andy & Sharon Makarick	John Sariscak
Michael Brown	Randy Pryor

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Steve Nelson, friend of Marie Baldauf
Karen, friend of Tina Blount
Niece of Jerry Vagnier
David Kennedy, friend of Tina Blount
Eileen, friend of Fran Iacovo
Dexter Nease, son-in-law of J.W. Harper
David and Lynn Clearwater, friends of Beverly and Thomas Cook
Bethany Horry, granddaughter of Ouida Dell
Gary Landin, husband of Judi Landin
Wanda, friend of Dawn Hall
June, sister of Janet Jacoby
Karen Wilson, sister of Bill Halstead
Bergen Smith, niece of Linda Metcalf
Tom Smith, nephew of Lois Willig
Dawn Sharp, daughter of Beverly Cook
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Kathy Haseem, friend of Nancy Sariscak
Dick, neighbor of Judi Landin
James Haas, grandson of friend of Dawn Hall
Louise, sister of Diana Hamilton
Dennis Sullivan, son-in-law of Peggy Firtion
97-year-old grandfather and 95-year-old grandmother of Michelle Cramer
Gloria, 100-year-old friend of Beverly Witzel
Carrie Tripp, niece of Mariah Fair
Travel mercies for Phyllis Sippel
Students from USC Bluffton heading back to school
People in Indonesia and Hawaii
Allison Scrabis, friend of Marie Baldauf

Please let Amy Erickson, Linda Metcalf or Nancy Sariscak know if you have loved ones who are no longer in need of prayer, or if you have names you would like to have added to the prayer list.