



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church



Where Friends and Faith Meet

September 20, 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
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2779
Bluffton, SC 29910
Location: 3080 Okatie Hwy., Bluffton 29909
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Pastor's Office Hours: Sept. 20 - Sept. 26, 2026
Monday, Sept. 21 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday, Sept. 22 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 23 Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 24 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

MEETINGS:

Nominations Committee (#2) Wednesday, Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m.
Church Council Thursday, Sept. 24, 3:30 p.m.
Project 150/Visions Wednesday, Sept. 30, 4:30 p.m.



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Rev. L. Kim Eanes, Pastor

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

St. Luke's Congregation, Ministers

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Nancy and John Sariscak

10:15 – Leslie Richards and Thomas Cook

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE: *"Children's Medley"*

arr. Marilyn Ham

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

8:30 – Letty Husson

10:15 – Beverly Cook

L: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

P: WE WILL LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART,
WITH ALL OUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH.

L: Let these words that God commands, stay upon our hearts.

P: LET US TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY TO OUR CHILDREN,
SPEAKING OF THEM IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
ALL: AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *"Jesus Loves Me"*

No. 191

Verses 1, 2 & 3

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**, The Apostle's Creed

No. 881

***GLORIA PATRI** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

No. 70

***ACT OF PRAISE:**

Psalms 8

(Response #1)

No. 743-744

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

No. 895

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

MESSAGE:

"Caring for our Children"

Rev. Cathy Joens, Guest Speaker

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"*

No. 277

Verses 1, 2 & 3

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/
OFFERTORY:** *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

arr. Hamilton

***THE DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***CLOSING HYMN** *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

No. 172

Verses 1, 2 & 3

***BENEDICTION**

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

(Hymnal inside back cover; holding hands is optional)

***POSTLUDE:** *"Jesus Loves Me (Round)"*

arr. Hamilton

*Please stand as able.

WELCOME to Rev. Cathy Joens, our guest speaker. She is Director of Church Relations for Epworth Children's Home.

THANK YOU for your generous donations to Epworth Children's Home last Sunday. We are still receiving donations and if you missed the chance to give, it's not too late! **Please remember - Any check you put in the offering plate must be made payable to St. Luke's UMC.** Always include on the **Memo line** where you want the check to go., i.e., "Epworth." We send your combined donations to the organization with one check from the church. Again, many thanks for your support.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will continue on Monday SEPTEMBER 21 at 8:00 a.m. Contact Alan Bethel or Rev. Dr. Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

The St. Luke's Chancel Choir is preparing the CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "Sing A Song of Christmas" by Michael Barrett and Joseph Martin, for your pleasure. It is a delightful and beautiful 30-minute program which you can preview on YouTube. We are in NEED OF A SOPRANO(S) to balance our singers. We invite you to come sing with us for this program - no long-term commitment! Rehearsals are on TUESDAYS at 6:00 p.m. The cantata will be performed on Saturday, December 12th at 4 p.m. followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship. Please join us!

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.

COLOR OF THE MONTH – Jersey Day! Plan to wear your favorite team apparel to church on Sunday, SEPTEMBER. 27!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – Second Meeting: As we continue our work on the selection of servant leaders for the 2027 ministry year, we will gather for our next meeting on Wednesday, September 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you all.

BLANKET MINISTRY – Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 30 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Smith 9/20
Pam Hoel 9/21
Phyllis Griggs 9/25
Barb Silcox 9/26
Chick Mazon 9/28
Ann Webster 9/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Megan & Dave Sytsma 9/20

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Janet and Dave Baumeister in memory of their parents and brother.

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 at lesliearichards717@gmail.com for more information.

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FAMILY PROMISE – We will be providing meals on SEPTEMBER 24 and 25. Please see the bulletin board in the Sanctuary for needed items.

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONS Continued

WALK FOR WATER – Saturday OCTOBER 3 – Join St. Luke's Team! Signups have begun. To REGISTER: Start at <https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/2026-beaufort-walk-for-water>, scroll down to Top Teams and click on View All. Our team's name is **St. Luke's UMC - Okatie** and will appear on the list. On the far right, click on the head silhouettes and JOIN will appear. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Cramer or Linda Fisher.

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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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PPI Fund: This fund is used when unexpected damage occurs, i.e., trees down from weather-related incidents, etc. So far, we have not been hit by a hurricane, but it could happen anytime between now and the end of November. 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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FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS – Please contact Don or Charlene King if you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event or a meeting at kingdc33063@yahoo.com.

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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 USHERS and SCRIPTURE READERS at both the 8:30 and 10:15 services. Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary.

CONGREGANTS

Andy & Sharon Makarick Chick Mazon
Shirley Hamilton Michael Brown

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Steve Nelson, friend of Marie Baldauf
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
June, sister of Janet Jacoby
Dawn Sharp, daughter of Beverly Cook
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Kathy Haseem, friend of Nancy Sariscak
Dick, neighbor of Judi Landin
Colton, friend of Michele Elek
Debbie, friend of Michele Elek
Bergen Smith, niece of Linda Metcalf
Judy Boswell, friend of Sheryl Ingram
Fred and Lisa, son and daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Vance, their family and grandchild, Silvia
Mickey Yew, husband of Linda Fisher's niece
Penny Christianson, friend of B.J. Scholer
Carol Thompson, friend of Nancy Sariscak
Judith, friend of Fran Iacovo
Martha, friend of Fran Iacovo
Allison Scrabis, friend of Marie Baldauf
Karen, friend of Tina Blount
Diana Smail, extended family of Jim and Kathy Smith
Brooklyn, granddaughter of friends of Ouida Dell
Rosalyn Perdue, mother of Allyn Perdue
John Trotter, care receiver of Charlene King
Joann Berger, friend of Jane Tiffany
Travel mercies for Will and Pat Ross

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Bill Halstead and family and friends of Bill's sister, Karen Wilson, on Karen's recent passing.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Tommy Rhodes, friend of Ouida Dell, on Tommy's recent passing.