



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church



Where Friends and Faith Meet

September 13, 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 Mailing Address: Rev. L. Kim Eanes
30 Raymond Road
Bluffton, SC 29909

Cell phone: 843/685-3659
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Pastor's Office Hours: Sept. 13 - Sept. 19, 2026
Wednesday, Sept. 16 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19 Music on the Grounds!!!

MEETINGS:

Nominations Committee Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1:00 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 – Chris and Donna Hauck

10:15 – Barb Silcox and Amy Erickson

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 13, 2026

PRELUDE: *"He Hideth My Soul"* - Kirkpatrick

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

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***OPENING HYMN:** *"This Is My Father's World"* No. 144
Verses 1, 2 & 3

BLESSING OF THE GRANDPARENTS

***GOSPEL LESSON #1** Mark 10:13-16

8:30 – Candace Payne

10:15 – Althea Serrant

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

No. 895

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

No. 141

Verses 1, 3 & 4

GOSPEL LESSON #2

Matthew 18:1-5

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

No. 70

MESSAGE:

"On Returning to Square One"

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* No. 452
Verses 1 & 4

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/

OFFERTORY: *"Be Thou My Vision"* - arr. Halberg

***THE DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***BENEDICTION**

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

(Hymnal inside back cover; holding hands is optional)

***POSTLUDE:** *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"* - Sir Arthur Sullivan

*Please stand as able.

TODAY we show our support of EPWORTH! Today our congregation will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Your gifts help provide care, hope, and healing for children, youth, and families served through Epworth's ministries across South Carolina. Please take a moment to review the bulletin insert to learn more about Epworth's ministry and the impact of your generosity. You may give using the offering envelope provided. If you are donating with a check, please make it payable to St. Luke's UMC with Epworth on the "memo" line. Thank you.

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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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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!

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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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Attention all NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE members: In preparation of our upcoming Charge Conference on November 1, 2026, we will have our first Nominations Committee meeting on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 16 at 1:00 p.m. Please plan to attend if you are able! If you have questions about your involvement on the Nominations Committee, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Kim. We need YOU!

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

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HISTORIC TOURS are conducted on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Next tour, SEPTEMBER 17. No reservations are necessary.

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MUSIC ON THE GROUNDS – Saturday SEPTEMBER 19, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Join us in the pavilion for music, food trucks, vendors and fun!

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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.

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BIRTHDAYS

Sheryll Ingram 9/13
Mary Cale 9/16
Megan Sytsma 9/18
Suzanne Gibson 9/19
Jim Smith 9/20
Pam Hoel 9/21

ANNIVERSARIES

Jane & Terry Tiffany 9/16
Lynne & Scott Wheeler 9/16
Megan & Dave Sytsma 9/20

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Peggy Firtion in memory of her parents, Gordon and Claudia Burke.

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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.

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.

MISSIONS Continued

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

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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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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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Andy & Sharon Makarick	Randy Pryor
John Sariscak	Shirley Hamilton
Michael Brown	Linda O'Connor

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
James Haas, grandson of friend of Dawn Hall
Colton, friend of Michele Elek
Debbie, friend of Michele Elek
Bergen Smith, niece of Linda Metcalf
Karen Wilson, sister of Bill Halstead
Judy Boswell, friend of Sheryl Ingram
Fred and Lisa, son and daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Vance,
their family and grandchild, Silvia
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
Roselyn Perdue, mother of Allyn Perdue

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the wife (Marie), family and friends of Jake Rawl, neighbor of Beverly and Thomas Cook, on Jake's recent passing.