



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church



Where Friends and Faith Meet

September 27, 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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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Sept. 27 – Oct. 3, 2026

Monday, Sept. 28	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 29	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 30	Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MEETINGS:

Walk for Water	Tuesday, Sept. 29, 4:00 p.m.
Project 150/Visions	Wednesday, Sept. 30, 4:30 p.m.
Trustees	Tuesday, Oct. 13, 9:00 a.m.
Missions	Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1:00 p.m.
Church Council	Thursday, Oct. 22, 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 – Janet and Dave Baumeister
10:15 – Bev and Don Witzel

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sept. 27, 2026

PRELUDE: *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"* - Fannie Crosby

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING PRAYER *"For Courage To Do Justice"* No. 456

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***OPENING HYMN:** *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* No. 454
Verses 1, 2 & 3

CENTERING MOMENT Judi Landin

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

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-28 The Message
8:30: Letty Husson
10:15: Cathy Hamlin

PERSONAL WITNESS

Serve: Prayer and Worship : Nancy Sariscak

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

No. 895

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 17:1-26

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

No. 70

MESSAGE:

"Why We Pray"
Rev. L. Kim Eanes

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*
Verses 1, 2 & 3

No. 496

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/
OFFERTORY:** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

- Maker/Bennett

***THE DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***CLOSING HYMN:** *"Kum Ba Yah"*
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 6

No. 494

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH** – *"God Be with You Till we Meet Again"*
(Hymnal inside back cover; holding hands is optional)

***POSTLUDE:** *"Marche Heroique"*

- Stickles

*Please stand as able.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS at 8:00 a.m. Contact Alan Bethel or Rev. Dr. Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on THURSDAYS at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please join us! We will continue with our study on "The Names of God", picking up at the beginning of Chapter 5! All sisters in faith are welcome to attend!

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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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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - Third 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 Monday, OCTOBER 5 at 4:30 p.m.

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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!

UNITED METHODISM ANYONE? Pastor Kim will be teaching a United Methodist 101 class beginning in October. This class is for anyone interested in: 1. learning about the United Methodist denomination and/or 2. brushing up on your United Methodist wisdom! If you are interested in participating, please talk to/text/email/call Pastor Kim as soon as you are able, as she is trying to schedule the class based on the availability of all interested participants. Thank you!

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BIRTHDAYS

Chick Mazon, 9/28
Ann Webster, 9/28
Susie Brown, 10/1
Allen Webster, 10/1
Matthew Metropolis, 10/4

ANNIVERSARIES

Diana & Walker Hamilton, 9/30
Meg Carmody & Stan O'Rear, 10/2

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

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MISSIONS – Please see insert.

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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.

Thank You again for your very generous donations to the EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME. To date, we have received \$1,845.00 for this special offering! A true blessing!

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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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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
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
Tom Smith, nephew of Lois Willig
Cindy, cousin of Jane Tiffany
Jim McElyea, brother-in-law of Amy Erickson

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Dick Mariner, neighbor of Judi Landin, on Dick's recent passing.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Berger family and friends, on the recent passing of the husband of Joann Berger, friend of Jane Tiffany.

Missions Happenings – October 2026

- **October 3 (Saturday) – Walk for Water, 9:00 AM, Bluffton UMC** Join St. Luke's team for this event. Register or support our team online (see our newsletter) or on the day of the walk.
- **October 4 (Sunday) – World Communion Sunday** – Special Offering celebrating Christian unity and service around the world. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletin.
- **October 4 -- First Sunday Mission for Bluffton Self Help**
Donations collected in our parking lot before each worship service. Most needed items (all donations are appreciated):

Hygiene Items for Adults & Children

Shampoo, Conditioner Body Wash, Deodorant

Canned Chicken & Tuna	Taco Kits, Salsa, Refried Beans
Hamburger Helper	Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Pancake Mix	Maple Syrup, Jelly
Canned Fruit	Unsweetened Applesauce
Hearty Soups, Canned Chilli	Cooking Oil, Flour, Sugar
Shelf Stable Almond Milk	Shelf Stable Cheese (Velveeta)

- **October 4 (Sunday) – Sign-ups begin for Family Promise** meals on Oct. 22 & Oct. 23. Check sanctuary bulletin board.
- **October 14 (Wednesday), 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **October 22 (Thursday), 9:00-9:30 AM** – Drop off food in the Fellowship Hall for 10/22 & 10/23 **Family Promise** meals.
- **October 25 (Sunday) -- Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child** – Pick up a shoebox in the Fellowship Hall to fill with small gifts for children in distressed areas of the world.
- **Saturdays & Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00 – Agape Family Life Center**, 5855 Okatie Hwy, Hardeeville – Volunteers needed to help distribute fresh food to local families in need.