# St. Luke's
## United Methodist Church




Where Friends and Faith Meet

November 1, 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.

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| Church Office: | 843/705-3022 |
| Mailing Address: | P.O. Box 2779<br>Bluffton, SC 29910 |
| Location: | 3080 Okatie Hwy., Bluffton 29909 |
| Website: | www.stlukesumc-okatie.org |
| Church's email address: | stlukesumc.hwy170@gmail.com |

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| Pastor's Mailing Address: | Rev. L. Kim Eanes<br>30 Raymond Road<br>Bluffton, SC 29909 |
| Cell phone: | 843/685-3659 |
| Email address : | lkeanes@umcsc.org |

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: November 1 - 7, 2026

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| Mon., Nov. 2 | 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Tues., Nov. 3 | (Family Promise Tour/Hardeeville, (9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.) |
| Wed., Nov. 4 | 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.(Church of the Palms Planning Meeting, Noon) |
| Thurs., Nov. 5 | 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Friday, Nov. 6 | Noon – 5:00 p.m. (Michael Brown Funeral - 3:00 p.m.) |

MEETINGS:

Charge Conference – Sun., Nov. 1, Church of the Palms, 12:30 p.m.
Trustees – Tues., Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m.
Missions – Wed., Nov. 11, 1:00 p.m.
Outreach/Project 150 – Tues., Nov.17, 4:00 p.m.
Church Council – Wed., Nov. 18, 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 – Leslie Richards and Barb Silcox

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Nov. 1, 2026

**PRELUDE:** "*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*" *-Moore*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(Please sign the Registration Pad located at the end of each pew.)

**THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

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

L: We are chosen children of God bound together by the Holy Spirit.
P: WE BELONG TO GOD AND THROUGH GOD, WE BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER.
L: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:
P: WE BELONG TO GOD, AND THROUGH GOD, WE LIVE AS FAMILY IN CHRIST, BOUND TOGETHER BY LOVE.
L: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:
P: WE BELONG TO GOD AND THROUGH GOD, WE ARE SAVED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.
L: So come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love to everyone we meet.
P: WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD WHO CHOOSES US, EMPOWERS US, AND INSPIRES US TO LIVE AS WITNESSES OF LOVE IN COMMUNION WITH THE SAINTS OF EVERY AGE. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *"Rejoice in God's Saints"* No. 708
Verses 1-4

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CENTERING MOMENT:** Judi Landin

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881
The Apostles' Creed

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON # 1** Revelation 7:9-17
8:30 – Michele Elek
10:15 – Sherri Prosser

**PRAYERS AND PRAISES/SILENT PRAYER/ THE LORD'S PRAYER** No. 895

**A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE:**
*"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"* No. 712
Verses 1-3

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON # 2** Hebrews 12:1-2

***GLORIA PATRI** *"Glory Be to the Father"* No. 70

**MESSAGE:** "Influencers"
Rev. L. Kim Eanes

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/ OFFERTORY:** "*Speak to Me, My Lord*" -Blake

***THE DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***CLOSING HYMN:** *"For All the Saints"* No. 711
Verses 1-6

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

*Please stand as able.

PLEASE NOTE – We will be celebrating Communion NEXT Sunday, November 8 due to our rescheduling from the November 1 Charge Conference. We will also be welcoming new members on November 8. Please join us for faith and fellowship.

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THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND RESURRECTION for Michael Brown will be held at St. Luke's UMC on **Friday, November 6, 2026**, **at 3:00 p.m**. in the St. Luke's UMC sanctuary. A reception for friends and family will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT OF FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY - Save the dates of January 15-17, 2027, to attend a Women's Retreat of Fellowship and Study led by Lee Van Rensburg and Randall Haase and sponsored by the women of the Church of the Palms. The Retreat is located at Epworth by the Sea Retreat Center, St. Simons Island, GA. A $50.00 check deposit is due by Sunday, November 15. There is more information posted on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Contact Elizabeth Vance with any questions.

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

| BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES |
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| Bud Silcox, 11/04 | Judi & Gary Landin, 11/07 |
| Jane Tiffany, 11/05 | Margie & Bill Steffes, 11/08 |

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kathy and Jim Smith in honor of their eight grandchildren.

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE SIGNUP – Signups begin for **Family Promise** meals **TODAY, Sunday, November 1.** Please see the bulletin board in the Sanctuary for needed items.

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FAMILY PROMISE DROP OFF – The drop-off time for meal items is **9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** on **Tuesday, November 17 and Thursday, November 19.**

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SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – **Sunday, November 15** is the last day to drop off shoeboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

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ADOPT A STUDENT FOR CHRISTMAS – Pick up information in the Fellowship Hall for gifting some of the needs and wants for Pritchardville children.

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AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville. Help distribute fresh food to local families in need on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 -12:00 noon. No advanced signup needed.

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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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will take a short break between our current session and our new Advent Study. Please mark your calendars for our "re-start" on Thursday, NOVEMBER 19 at 5:00 p.m. More details about the new Advent study can be found in the November newsletter and in upcoming weekly bulletins. Please plan to join us in November!

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA - rehearsals TUESDAYS at 6:00 p.m.

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UNITED METHODISM 101 CLASS - Please join us every THURSDAY afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall as we learn (or re-learn) some of the most important tenets of our United Methodist denomination. Policy, polity, and history are all included in this course. We will end our sessions on November 19. Please contact Pastor Kim with any questions or for more information.

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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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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CONGREGANTS

Andy & Sharon Makarick
Shirley Hamilton
Francine Iacovo
Chick & Mim Mazon
Helen Van Veen
Ouida Dell

### 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
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Colton, friend of Michele Elek
Debbie, friend of Michele Elek
Bergen Smith, niece of Linda Metcalf
Fred and Lisa, brother and sister-in-law of Elizabeth Vance, their family and grandchild, Silvia
Penny Christianson, friend of B.J. Scholer
Judith, friend of Fran Iacovo
Allison Scrabis, friend of Marie Baldauf
Diana Smail, extended family of Jim and Kathy Smith
Jim Derma, friend of Jane Tiffany
Gayle Malphus and her husband, neighbors of Beverly and Thomas Cook
Nikki Stover, friend of Michele Elek
The niece of Jerry Vagnier
Frank Archer, cousin of Nancy Sariscak
Missionary doctor in Africa

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Susie Brown and the family and friends of Michael Brown on his passing on October 27.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of James Downes, brother-in-law of Diana Hamilton, on James' recent passing.*

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.