



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church



Where Friends and Faith Meet

October 18, 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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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: October 18 - 24, 2026

Mon, Oct. 19	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Tues., Oct. 20	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 21	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 22	Noon – 6:00 p.m.

MEETINGS:

Nominations	Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2:00 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 – Michele Elek and Francine Iacovo

10:15 – Sue Boisvert and Amy Erickson

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Oct. 18, 2026

PRELUDE: *"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"* -Adams

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CENTERING MOMENT Judi Landin

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

L: You know how the rulers of this world lord it over others, trying to make their power felt?

P: NOT SO WITH US!

L: Indeed, Jesus teaches that "whoever wishes to become great among us, must be a servant."

P: WHOEVER WISHES TO BE FIRST, MUST BE A SERVANT TO ALL!

L: For the Son of God came NOT to be served, but to serve.

P: AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY!

L: Let us worship the Servant King this day... and every day!

***OPENING HYMN:** *"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"* No. 662
Verses 1, 3 & 5

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

8:30 – Tina Topoleski

10:15 – Sherri Prosser

Philippians 2:5-11

PERSONAL WITNESS

Linda Fisher

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (as a group): WE BELIEVE THAT TRUE GREATNESS IS FOUND IN SACRIFICE AND SERVICE RATHER THAN STATUS, FOLLOWING JESUS WHO POURED OUT HIS LIFE FOR US. THEREFORE, WE COMMIT OUR HANDS, OUR TIME, AND OUR HEARTS, TO THE WAY OF THE CROSS. AMEN.

***GOSPEL LESSON # 1** John 13:1-17

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

***GOSPEL LESSON # 2** Mark 10:42-45

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

MESSAGE: "The Strength of a Servant"
Rev. L. Kim Eanes

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *"Christ Loves the Church"* No. 590
Verses 1 & 4

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/
OFFERTORY:** *"Share His Love"* -Reynolds

***THE DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***CLOSING HYMN:** *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* No. 664

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** *"March Pontificale"* - Stickles

*Please stand as able.

UPCOMING LAY SERVANT MINISTRY TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES:

Deadline for Registration is Wednesday, October 21!
Two Trainings are being offered - Saturday, October 24 and
Sunday, October 25 - both at Trinity UMC, Sumter, SC. See
Pastor Kim for details if you care to enroll.

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BLANKET MINISTRY - Please join us on Wednesday, OCTOBER
28 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and stay for a time
of fellowship afterwards. Please NOTE that this will be the FINAL
Blanket Ministry get-together in 2026.

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COLOR OF THE MONTH - On OCTOBER 25, we will celebrate with
another creative modification! In acknowledgement of our upcoming
All Hallows Eve Holiday on October 31, you are invited to wear your
favorite Halloween/Harvest sweater/shirt/jacket/sweatshirt!

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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 (except
October 22 because of a previously scheduled Council meeting) 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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GHOSTS, GOODIES AND GAMES - Join us on Saturday,
OCTOBER 24 at 5:00 p.m. for an evening of food, fun, and
fellowship. Ghosts from the graveyard will be visiting to share
stories, followed by pizza and salad, and we will close out the
evening with Bingo! Please **note** that this is a private event for our
church family. Signup sheets are available in the fellowship hall and
church so we can get an accurate count for pizza. We look forward
to seeing you there!

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Halstead, 10/18
Peggy Firtion, 10/20
Emma Jo Busby, 10/24
Vickie Hoin, 10/25

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Meg Carmody and
Stan O'Rear in memory of Meg's parents.

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE DROP OFF – Please see the bulletin board in
the Sanctuary for needed items. The drop-off time is **9:00 a.m. –
9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 22.**

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SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Pick
up a shoebox in Fellowship Hall to fill with small gifts for children in
distressed areas of the world. Filled shoeboxes **will only be
accepted** in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings **from Nov. 1
through Nov. 15**. You can also fill a shoebox online—information is
posted on the bulletin board. If you fill a shoebox online, please let
Leslie Richards or Jane Tiffany know so they can keep track of the
number of boxes donated by St. Luke's.

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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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BLUFFTON SELF HELP – Donations are collected in our parking lot
before each worship service the first Sunday of the month or can be
left in the basket in Fellowship Hall at any time.

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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.

CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – Next Sunday, October 25, everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 p.m.

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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.

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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"! This coming week we will just be starting Week 6. All sisters in faith are welcome to attend!

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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	Linda O'Connor
Shirley Hamilton	Michael Brown	Helen Van Veen

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
Kathy Haseem, friend of Nancy Sariscak
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
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
Jim Derma, friend of Jane Tiffany
Robert Stout, son-in-law of Jane Tiffany, and Jane's daughter, Katherine Gayle Malphus and her husband, neighbors of Beverly and Thomas Cook
Rodney Scott, friend of Quida Dell

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