

Thad's Thoughts

Wow! What an incredible day we shared this past Sunday as we started the year together in worship. It was so exciting to see our sanctuary packed as we celebrated Baptism of the Lord Sunday. If you were unable to attend, we recommitted ourselves to serve the Lord in 2024. Rev. Robert Wood and I recommitted our Ordination Vows and we said that we will seek to live those vows out in service at St. Luke. Following that, we opened the altar for everyone present to remember their baptism and to recommit their lives to serve the Lord as well. It was powerful to see hundreds of you flooding the altar in humility, worship, and praise. To be totally honest, I was very nervous about the logistics of it all. I was worried that because it was taking so long, many of you would leave in frustration. But the Holy Spirit was so palpable and as we sang at the end, "Surely the presence of the Lord" was in this place!

Now that we have made these commitments, the real work begins. Now it is time for us to live into those commitments by upholding our membership vows. Will you live out your faith at St. Luke by upholding this church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness? Our church is only as strong as each of us make it. If each one of us is faithful to pray for our church and its work for the Kingdom of God, Christ will be glorified. If we each commit to be present in study and worship every Sunday that we are in town this year, Christ will be glorified and the energy will spread. If we remember that being a member of a church is not about being served, but it is about offering our gifts and our service to the Lord, Christ will be glorified. Ultimately, if each of us will strive to live as those who have been commissioned for the work of the Lord, our witness will be attractive and Christ will be glorified.

As we begin 2024 together, let us remember that it is all about Jesus. It is all BECAUSE of him, it is all ABOUT him, and it is all FOR him. ***"All hail the power of Jesus' name we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all."*** I am honored and excited to serve with you, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us as we move on together.



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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 14

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.stlukecolumbus.org
K-4th Grade Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
K-4th Grade Worship
Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukecolumbus.org
beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, January 15 - Campus Closed for MLK Day

Tuesday, January 16

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Moms (History Room, MIN)
- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12 Noon SLS Board Meeting (SD, MIN)
- 1:00 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)
- 2:30 p.m. By-Laws Meeting (Conference Room)
- 4:00 p.m. SLS Basketball Game (Gym, MIN)

Wednesday, January 17

- 8:30 a.m. SLS Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool and ELC Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 12 Noon Finance Committee Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
- 5:30 p.m. Midweek Supper (LD, MIN)
- 6:15 p.m. CMDA Weekly Bible Study (SD, MIN)
Forever Young Bible Study (Rm 221, Main)
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School and High School Girl/Boys Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 7:00 p.m. College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)
Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)

Thursday, January 18

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12 Noon College House Lunch (College House)
- 3:30 p.m. Jump Bunch (Youth Room, MIN)
- 4:00 p.m. Right from the Start Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
- 4:30 p.m. SLS Basketball Game (Gym, MIN)

Main (main building). MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.



Enjoy a great meal with great people at a great price Wednesdays at MIDWEEK! Serving lines open at 5:30 p.m. Breakout sessions begin at 6:15 p.m. Children and students also have breakout sessions. Nursery in the Ministry Center is provided for those needing it.

January 17 - "Turmoil in the Holy Land" with Rev. Robert Beckum

January 24, 31 - "Knowing God's Names" led by Amy Ward

Pay \$9 per person with a \$30 max per family at the door (cash, check, or contactless payment). Menu: Fried chicken, herbed baked chicken, collard greens, purple hull peas, mashed potatoes, rolls, salad and assorted desserts.

Music Box

Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukecolumbus.org

The Music Scholarship Fund needs your support! We are able to offer a modest scholarship to music students from CSU who participate in our Music Ministry only through the generous donations of the congregation to the Music Scholarship Fund. Please help as you are able.

2128 Project! The revitalization plan for our wonderful 1948 pipe organ. St. Luke will be 200 years old in 2028, and if we can refurbish our organ with the latest technology by then, we will be preserving this wonderful instrument for the next 100 years! Donations to the **Organ Fund** will go directly to this project.

Please consider supporting the Music Ministry by making a donation to the Music Fund or the Orchestra Fund.

Join the Music Ministry! Both youth and adults are welcome in the Music Ministry. The Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7pm, and sings at the 8:30 or 11am services weekly. The Handbell Team meets on Wednesdays at 5:00pm, and plays at the 8:30 and 11am services monthly. The St. Luke Orchestra is a concert band that meets periodically throughout the year.

Today's anthem: "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before all people, let your light shine in all the earth, that they might see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. You are the salt of the earth, but if salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden, a lamp cannot be covered, but shines for all to see. Let your light shine... ."

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Thad Haygood, preaching.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:30 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Clarence Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Al Ramsay.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Midtown: Warren Harrison, 817.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: January 21 and 28; February 25; March 3, 10, 17; April 7, 14, 21, 28. For more information contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukecolumbus.org.

CRADLE ROLL: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Miguel (Sydni Harden) Acevedo on the birth of a son, Josiah Acevedo, born January 8, 2024, in Columbus, GA. Proud grandmother is Mrs. Kym Harden. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.

Missions Moment

Chuck Bolton, Director of Missions and Outreach, cbolton@stlukecolumbus.org

If you and your family have been considering going on a mission trip in 2024, now is the time to be praying about it. Here are the dates we have available. See Chuck with any questions.

- **May 18th – 28th - Kenya** Family trip to Naomi's Village
- **June 16th – 22nd - Mexico** Church wide family trip to Ensenada, Mexico with YUGO Ministries
- **July 28th – Aug. 3rd - Mexico** St. Luke College House Ministry trip to Ensenada, Mexico with YUGO Ministries
- **August 8th – 17th - Kenya** Adults/Couples trip to Naomi's Village
- **2025: July 17th - 25th - Kenya** Family trip to Naomi's Village

RESPIRE MINISTRY

"If we build a tribe of like-minded people, we never have to be alone again."

Author-Shawn Wells • Come volunteer with us at St. Luke Respire.

For more information call Kathryn Fussell, 706.256.3117.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

nmayne@stlukecolumbus.org



Sign up link:

<https://forms.gle/oKuuY2yP42p9HRiz9>

A poster for 'The TALK'. The title 'The TALK' is in large, bold, green letters with a yellow outline, set against an orange speech bubble background. Below the title, it says 'Open to 5th & 6th grade'. At the bottom, it says 'A conversation about puberty & God's plan presented by Right from the Start, a non-profit faith-based organization'. There is a QR code on the right side and a link to register below it. The date and time 'January 24 & 31, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.' are at the bottom in green text.

Click here to register & for more info

MILITARY MINISTRY



Friends don't let friends miss out on the **Christian Veteran Leaders Breakfast** held on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, from 7 - 8 a.m., at the ROC. Fellowship with other ministries such as Warriors Set Free, Cru Military, and The Redeemed as we meet to share each ministry's mission and opportunities with fellow disciples. Meetings will be held on the **third Thursday of each month** at the ROC. The January Columbus Military Ministry Spotlight presenter is SFC Ret. Jeff Bearden, Fort Moore's Cru Military director. Reserve your spot and complimentary Chick-fil-A breakfast by emailing Tony Mayne at tony@gallantfew.org.



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad to have you with us today!

If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask a church greeter or any member of the church staff. For more information about St. Luke, contact Thad Haygood or any of the pastors at 706-327-4343 or thaygood@stlukecolumbus.org.

Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

THE ST. LUKE PRAYER ROOM MINISTRY

wants church members who are willing to come to the church's prayer room for one hour per month to pray for, write encouraging notes to, and/or make phone calls to those who are on our prayer list.

To sign up to serve, please contact Julie Widener at 706-327-4343.

Making Ministry Happen

St. Luke 2024 Budget

Thank you for your pledges toward our 2024 operating budget! To date we have received pledges totaling \$3,076,997 for ministry and mission in 2024. This is 91% of last year's pledge total and includes 45 brand new pledges! If you have not yet returned your pledge for 2024, let me encourage you to add your commitment to these that have been made. The Administrative Board will vote to finalize the 2024 budget at our meeting on Wednesday, January 24.

-Rev. Thad Haygood

You can make your pledge by either:

1. Filling out a pledge card found around the church, or
2. Contacting Renee Wilkinson at the church (706-327-4343, renee@stlukecolumbus.org)

Thank you for your partnership in ministry here in Columbus and around the world.

ABIDING GIFTS

If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check, the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgment sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukecolumbus.org.

Organ Fund: In honor of Rev. Thad Haygood for his birthday by Mrs. Linda Phillips.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Joan Mainor by Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. Hall and Mr. Charles E. Hall, Sr. by Mrs. Sally Hall. In memory of Mr. Robert Allen Tillery and Mr. and Mrs. George (Franke) Adams by Mrs. Claire Honan and family. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. (Marjorie) Thrasher and Mr. and Mrs. John (Marjorie) Richardson by Margie Richardson, Jud and Edy Richardson, and Libba, Will, Wells, and Graves Dillon. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Keel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Taylor, and Mrs. Rhonda Romeo by Mrs. Warene K. Taylor.

General Fund: In memory of Mrs. Barbara Arthur by Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Fleck.

Naomi's Village: In memory of Alice R. Wiley by Susan and Anna Wiley. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Amelia) Scott by Mr. and Mrs. Brad (Sharon) Woodall.

Building Strong Marriages

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Guest Speakers: Dave & Ann Wilson



WHEN: Friday, January 26th 6 - 9 pm
& Saturday, January 27th 10 am - 2 pm

WHERE: St. Luke Ministry Center

REGISTRATION: \$100 per couple
or \$500 VIP Table

Childcare Available Upon Request

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NO YOUTH!
ENJOY THE LONG
WEEKEND!!

St. Luke Free Spirits

Please join us for a guided tour of the
**NATIONAL CIVIL WAR
NAVAL MUSEUM**



Tuesday, January 23

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at The Museum

\$20/person

(Includes entrance, box lunch and guided tour)

For reservations, contact Julie at 706-327-4343
or email jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org
by Friday, January 19, 2024.

COLLEGE HOUSE MINISTRY



Monday - 7pm

Bible Project and Free Food

Wednesday - 7pm

Worship, Message and Free Food

Thursday - Noon-1:30pm

Free Lunch

Sunday - 10am

Sunday School at College House