

## Thad's Thoughts

St. Luke recently experienced another important milestone in the long history of our church with the adoption of our new Bylaws this past Wednesday night. What a blessing it has been to see the people of St. Luke come together in a spirit of Christian unity and love as we prepare for the future of this amazing church.

As an independent Wesleyan Methodist congregation, and as a newly incorporated organization, it is vital that we have new Bylaws to govern us today and going forward. With this in mind, last October, a committee of dedicated members, staff and outside legal counsel began meeting to develop new Bylaws for St. Luke Church of Columbus, Inc. A draft document was presented to the Administrative Board in January, revisions were made based on their input, and the Board approved the Bylaws in March with the recommendation that they be adopted by church membership. The new Bylaws of St. Luke were officially adopted by our membership during a special called church meeting on April 17.

Now we begin the process of fully transitioning to the new structure outlined in the Bylaws. As a first step, the existing Administrative Board has been appointed as the interim Church Council. Immediately following the membership meeting Wednesday evening, the new Church Council met for the first time, and I am pleased to announce that Steve Butler was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the new Church Council. I appreciate Steve's willingness to serve St. Luke in this leadership role as we enter this pivotal time in our history. I also want to thank Richard Jarboe for his outstanding leadership of the Administrative Board at a very important point in the life of St. Luke. His calm demeanor, clear thinking and love for St. Luke has been invaluable.

Over the next few months, the Church Council, Executive Committee and Standing Committees will be hard at work planning for the future of St. Luke. We will hold our Annual Church Meeting in the fall, and I look forward to sharing our progress with you as we move forward! In the meantime, we covet your prayers that we would stay solely focused on our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and love one another!



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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 21

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at [www.stlukecolumbus.org](http://www.stlukecolumbus.org)  
K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Combined SS Opportunity w/ McNamaras/Naomi's Village (LD, MIN)  
Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)  
K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Worship  
Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at [www.stlukecolumbus.org](http://www.stlukecolumbus.org)  
beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 3:00 p.m. Women's Ministry - Blooms and Breath (2517 Carson Drive)
- 5:00 p.m. Student Ministry (Youth Room, MIN)  
Extreme Kids (Gym and Playground)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

### Monday, April 22

- 7:00 a.m. SLS Spring Play Rehearsal (LD, MIN)
- 8:45 a.m. 8th Grade Speeches (Sanctuary, Main)
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study (Rm 110, Main)
- 7:00 p.m. College House Ministry (College House)

### Tuesday, April 23

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Moms (History Room, MIN)
- 8:45 a.m. 8th Grade Speeches (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 1:00 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)

### Wednesday, April 24

- 7:00 a.m. SLS Spring Play Rehearsal (LD, MIN)
- 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)
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
- 5:30 p.m. Midweek Supper and Studies (LD, MIN)  
SLS Spring Play Preview at Midweek  
CMDA Weekly Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 6:15 p.m. Forever Young Bible Study (Rm 221, Main)
- 6:30 p.m. MS and HS Girls/Boys Bible Study (Youth Room, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)

### Thursday, April 25

- 8:45 a.m. 8th Grade Speeches (Sanctuary, Main)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12 Noon College House Lunch (College House)
- 3:30 p.m. Jump Bunch (ELC)

### Friday, April 26

- 7:00 a.m. SLS Spring Play Rehearsal (LD, MIN)
- 8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (The ROC, 1022 2nd Ave.)
- 8:45 a.m. 8th Grade Speeches (Sanctuary, Main)
- 7:00 p.m. SLS Spring Play (LD, MIN)

### Saturday, April 27

- 7:00 p.m. SLS Spring Play (LD, MIN)

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

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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.

**April 24 - SLS "Wizard of Oz" sneak peak**

**May 1 - St. Luke Orchestra presents selections from "Fiddler on the Roof"**

**May 8 - "Tenacious" - a program on the life of Coach Jeremy Williams, by Andy Robinson**  
Pay \$9 per person with a \$30 max per family at the door (cash, check, or contactless payment). **Menu:** Fried chicken, baby back ribs, corn, mac and cheese, rolls, salad and assorted desserts.

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# Music Box

Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, [mboensel@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto: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:** See Hymnal #377.

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**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 Gabriel Max Denes by the Culbreth and Denes families.

**OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES:** June 30, August 11, September 15, October 13 and 27, December 15. For more information, contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or [maggie@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:maggie@stlukecolumbus.org).

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** To Mr. and Mrs. Al (Betsy) Ramsay and Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Kent) Butler and families in the death of Betsy and Steve's sister, Chris Butler Ball, on April 7, 2024.

*The St. Luke Orchestra*  
Presents  
Selections From  
**"Fiddler on the Roof"**  
Precariously Entertaining!  
Wednesday Night  
May 1  
6:00 p.m.  
Ministry Center

**IN MEMORIAM**  
Mr. Andrew W. Marks  
April 11, 2024  
Mr. John Thomas Brantley  
April 12, 2024

**Missions Moment**  
Chuck Bolton, Director of Missions and Outreach, [cbolton@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:cbolton@stlukecolumbus.org)  
"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. All Christians are but God's stewards. Everything we have is on loan from the Lord, entrusted to us for a while to use in serving Him." John MacArthur

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

[nmayne@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:nmayne@stlukecolumbus.org)

## Extreme Kids

April 21 • 5-6:45pm  
Stockwell Hall  
3rd - 5th Graders



## THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

is seeking a part-time  
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

The Assistant Director will work 20 hours per week, including Wednesdays and Sundays. Interested applicants should submit their resume to

Nicole Mayne at  
[nmayne@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:nmayne@stlukecolumbus.org).

**BABY RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024:** Please check below and make sure your child is listed and their formal name is correct. If you do not see your child's name please email [twilliams@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:twilliams@stlukecolumbus.org) to register your child. Josiah Gene Acevedo, Shepherd William Allen, Sevi Mae Benn, Olivia Joy Blair, Warner Lewis Kennon, Navy Jane Jones, Maggie James Ledbetter, Loxley Louise Murray, and Maddox Chambers Taber.

## ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS MAY 21 - A DAY TRIP



*Horseshoe Bend National Military Park is the site of one of the last battles of the Creek War (March 27, 1814).*

- Located in Daviston, AL
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- Leave Church at 9:00am
- On-Bus Tour, Museum and Picnic Lunch
- Cost: \$25.00

### Questions?

Contact Julie: (706) 327-4343 or  
[jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org)



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## MILITARY MINISTRY

**Salute to Service:** The ROC partners with other local organizations that share the same mission of furthering the Word of Jesus Christ. We want to salute Dewayne Webb for his service to the community through the life-changing work he does leading the Chattahoochee Valley's All About Fitness (AAF) Chapter. AAF is a Veteran-run non-profit, that serves its community through free fitness workshops to the public covering physical, mental, financial, legal, relational fitness, health and wellness, hygiene 101, and spiritual fitness; it also serves the communities of Fayetteville, NC, Haiti, and Kenya through the food and clothing drives. We are blessed that Dewayne chose to call the ROC home and base multiple programs out of our location. Get involved in the work AAF is doing at the ROC and in our community at [allaboutfitnessfamily.org](http://allaboutfitnessfamily.org).



## 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](mailto:maggie@stlukecolumbus.org).

**Respite Care:** In memory of Mr. Steve Bristow by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall, Mr. Bryan Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Turner, and Mrs. Annette Pollock. In honor of the Respite volunteers by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

**Organ Fund:** In honor of Mrs. Karen Lewis and Mr. Ken Bailey by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

**Samaritan Fund:** In memory of Mr. John Brantley by Mrs. Peggy Gindville.

**St. Luke School:** In memory of Mr. Andy Marks by Mr. and Mrs. Randy Jones.

**S.A.W. Ministry:** In honor of Mr. Lee Myers by Circle One.

## OUR PHONE NUMBERS

Church Office & Preschool: 706-327-4343, St. Luke School: 706-256-1301,

Early Learning Center: 706-322-2703, Ministry Center: 706-256-1017

Respite Care Ministry: 706-256-3117

## RESPITE MINISTRY

Respite care provides short term relief for primary caregivers, giving them time to rest, travel, or spend time with other family and friends. If you need Respite services, call Kathryn Fussell, 706.256.3117 for more information.

Be sure to pick up your copy of the St. Luke Prayer Calendar. Your opportunity to intentionally engage in praying daily is here!

**ST**udents  
**LUKE**  
COLUMBUS, GA

**Sunday Night Students**

**5-7 pm**

**at the Ministry Center**

**PIZZA FOR DINNER!!**

4/28

**YL FLAPJACK 5K**

**WE WILL BE AT THE YL HUB PARTICIPATING AND SUPPORTING THEIR ANNUAL 5K RUN!**



## COLLEGE HOUSE MINISTRY

For more information, contact Kami at [kdauidson@stlukecolumbus.org](mailto:kdauidson@stlukecolumbus.org).



Monday - Bible Project - 7:30 p.m.



Wednesday - Small Groups - 7:30 p.m.



Thursday - Free Lunch  
Noon-1:30 p.m.