

Robert's Ramblings

The Constant of Change

Most of the time, our bulletin fronts connect with the Sunday message. However, today I want to deviate from that formula and share something different. There is a great ministry Beatitude I heard many years ago that never left me – “Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.” These next few months are going to mark a memorable season of change for my family: graduations, a wedding, moving away (Emma – the rest of us will still be here), graduate school, just to name a few. I find it interesting that in a world that is constantly changing, we humans often tend to not be big fans of it. When I think about that, I think about it more in terms of external change and the landscape around us. However, it can be just as true for us to resist internal change as well, whether directly or indirectly, as one can often lead to the other.

Systems thinker and author Peter Senge is quoted saying “People don’t resist change. They resist being changed.” If we take Senge’s words to be true, there are few things more dangerous for us as those who aim to follow Christ than to resist being changed. Scripture talks about this in different ways. I particularly like the image Jesus gives in Luke 5:37. He notes that no one puts new wine into old wineskins, because if they do then the wineskin will burst and both the wine and its container will be ruined. In the ancient world, new wine was placed in new, flexible goatskin bags. This was done because the new wine was still fermenting and expanding and putting it in old, brittle skins would cause them to burst. Jesus was using known activity to demonstrate that old habits, rigid rituals, or many of the existing laws make it impossible to contain the “new wine” of his teaching and way of living.

As we continue to live into our reality as new creations in Christ, we must never stop being flexible, teachable, and adaptable to how God is re-making us. In fact, we should welcome every opportunity to be transformed more fully into the likeness of Christ. It often comes as the result of difficult times and challenging seasons of life, as do most of life’s lessons worth learning. As God’s people, we do so not simply for the sake of change, but because the very nature of the gospel itself requires it.



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OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Service 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m. (Ministry Center)

Worship in Spanish 12:30 p.m. (Turner Chapel)

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 12

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. The Nine - Contemporary Service (MIN)
Live streamed at www.stlukecolumbus.org
K-5th Grade Worship (MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
(Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukecolumbus.org
beginning at 11:00 a.m.)
Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)/K5th Grade Worship (MIN)
- 5:00 p.m. Student Ministry (Youth Room)
Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Luke Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, April 13

- 11:30 a.m. Respite Volunteer Appreciation Banquet (LD, MIN)
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study (Room 110)
- 7:00 p.m. College House Ministry (College House)

Tuesday, April 14

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Moms (History Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (SD, MIN)
On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. New Beginnings Women's Group (Room 110)
- 1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)

Wednesday, April 15

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Girls Bible Study (Corner Cafe)
- 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 Men's Young Professional Bible Study (Youth Room, MIN)
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (College House)
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 5:45 p.m. Midweek Supper, program immediately following supper (LD, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. Student Ministry (Gym, Youth Area)
- 6:15 p.m. CMDA Weekly Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
College House Ministry (College House)

Thursday, April 16

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Room 110)
- 12 Noon College House Lunch (College House)
- 3:30 p.m. JrK Jump Bunch (Youth Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Right from the Start Board meeting (Conference Room)

Friday, April 17

- 7:00 a.m. SLS Character Breakfast (LD, MIN)
- 8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (MMC, 1022 2nd Ave.)
- 5:30 p.m. Lewis/Venable Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 18

- 5:00 p.m. Lewis/Venable Wedding (Sanctuary)

Main (Main Building). MIN (Ministry Center). LD (Large Dining Room). SD (Small Dining Room), MMC (Military Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.



CONNECT with one another

OUR KNOWN SICK: Phenix City Encompass: Peggy Stanley, 108. **Piedmont Northside:** Marian Young, 214. **St. Francis Hospital:** Loretta Dunbar, ER. **NEW MEMBER:** Mr. Ricky Weeks comes by transfer of his membership. Welcome to St. Luke!



APR 15: Devotional by Reverend Thad Haygood

Menu: Herb baked chicken, Rice, Rolls, Baked brussel sprouts, Salad bar, Assorted desserts



Join us in sharing the love of Jesus by building a house for a family in Ensenada, Mexico. The weather is so amazing - you will need long sleeves.

Contact our Missions Director, Laura Haygood @478-235-2801 for more information and if you are interested in going this Summer.

JOIN US FOR A DAY WITH THE COLUMBUS CLINGSTONES

ST. LUKE CHURCH & ST. LUKE SCHOOL ARE COMING TOGETHER FOR A DAY OF BASEBALL AND FUN!

APRIL 19TH @1:00 P.M. - SYNOVUS PARK \$12 A TICKET - SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE



ROW in our relationship with Christ

ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Pause. Be held. Rest in Him.

Through slow movement, breath, and moments of stillness, we will practice relaxing the body, quieting the mind, and becoming aware of the steady, faithful presence of the Lord.



Sunday, April 19
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm / Cost: \$10
Register with the QR!



New Beginnings Women's Circle

APRIL PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 14 / 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon / Room 110 / Cost: \$12

Speaker: Lisa Fountain, founder of Scarlett's Closet ministry in Columbus
Created to bring comfort, care and spiritual encouragement to families during medical crises. **RSVP to Julie at (706) 327-4343 by Friday, April 10!**



For more information, contact Maddie Kratchman, *Director of Children's Ministries*, mkratchman@stlukecolumbus.org

ALL THINGS KIDS!

Scan the QR code to find information and register for all upcoming St. Luke Kids events.



St. Luke Vacation Bible School



July 13-17

Pre-K - rising 5th graders.

Scan the QR code to register!

Volunteers Needed for VBS!

Scan QR code to sign up.

ST. LUKE SUMMER CAMP

July 6-10

Rising 4th and 5th graders

Scan QR code to register.



College House

For more information contact Kami Davidson kdavidson@stlukecolumbus.org

Sunday School

@ College House after The Nine

Mon.: 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Bible study

Wed.: 7:00p.m. Dinner, worship, message

FREE LUNCH Noon-1:30 p.m.

(stay and eat or take a plate to go)

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APRIL 19TH 4:00 - 7:00 PM | SIGN UP WITH THE LINK IN OUR BIO



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ACOLYTE MINISTRY

If you have a 4th, 5th, or 6th grader interested in serving as an acolyte in 2026, please contact: Laurie Dudley @704-891-7837 DudleySL99@yahoo.com

Coming Soon!

to the St. Luke Ministry Center

• Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Spring Banquet

Monday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.

Contact www.westcentralgafca.org

• Right From the Start Annual Lunch

"The Rom Con" with

Lauren Reitsema

Thursday, April 30, 11:30 a.m.

Tickets available at

www.rightfromthestart.org

WANT TO HAVE A GREAT DAY?

SERVE ON THE HOSPITALITY TEAM!

This is a great way to meet other church members and welcome our visitors. There are a variety of places to serve, from greeting to driving golf carts. Please contact Corrin Duckworth (corrinriley@hotmail.com) follow the link below, or scan QR code to volunteer. <https://signup.com/go/EtJUqVD>



JOIN US THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Join us for a Kazuri Jewelry Sale to help raise funds for the community playground in Maai Mahiu.

3-6 p.m. | At the McCluskey's Home
1910 Hilton Ave. Columbus, GA, 31906



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.

Respite Care: In memory of Mrs. Jean H. Robinson by Mr. Patrick Robinson.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: In honor of Rev. and Mrs. Thad Haygood and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wood by Miss Meredith L. King.

Music Scholarship Fund: In honor of Mr. Derek Hay by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Railey.

Organ Fund: In honor of Mrs. Doris Lancaster by Mrs. Lee Harrell.



MILITARY MINISTRY

MILITARY FAMILIES! GET ON THE ROSTER!

The Military Ministry invites all of our St. Luke Church and St. Luke School military families to step up to the plate and knock it out of the park with us at the Columbus Clingstones baseball game! A perfect night to connect, encourage one another, and cover all the bases together in a suite. Choose which game you want to attend from our five available dates: May 1, May 15, May 29, July 10, or August 7. Space in the suite is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Tony Mayne today to learn more and secure your spot before it's game over at tony@gallantfew.org.



RESPITE CARE

JOB OPENING: RESPITE CARE PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Part-time position, 21 hours a week, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Assist with the planning and daily operations of Respite Care's programs' services and activities. High school diploma required, college degree preferred. The Respite Care Ministry's focus is working with the geriatric population with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Position location: 1021 Third Avenue, Columbus, GA. Contact Kathryn Fussell with questions kfussell@stlukecolumbus.org



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Music Box

Marc F. Boensel, DMA; 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.

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

Join the Music Ministry! Children, 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 Children's Choir meets on Sunday afternoons. The St. Luke Orchestra is a wind and percussion ensemble that meets periodically throughout the year.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: April 19; May 3; June 14, 28; July 5; August 23; September 13, 20, 27; October 11, 25; November 15, 22, 29.

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