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Please join us for a Retirement Reception
honoring

Mitch Watts

Celebrating 35 years of faithful ministry at St. Luke Church.

Sunday, May 31, 2026 - 12 Noon
Stockwell Hall

St. Luke CHURCH

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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)

Sermon Notes

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 31

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)
11:00 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.)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)/K-5th Grade Worship (MIN)
12 Noon Mitch Watts' Retirement Celebration (Stockwell Hall)
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, June 1

9:00 a.m. Staff Chapel (Chapel)

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Volleyball Cub Camp (Gym)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

Wednesday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Meeting (Conference Room)
9:00 a.m. Volleyball Cub Camp (Gym)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon Men's Young Professional Bible Study (Youth Room, MIN)
Locals Lunch and Bible Study (The Corner)
3:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (College House)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
College House Ministry (College House)

Thursday, June 4

9:00 a.m. MomCo Bible Study (Off campus)
Volleyball Cub Camp (Gym)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon Who's on the Couch (LD, MIN)

Friday, June 5

8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (MMC, 1022 2nd Ave.)
9:00 a.m. Volleyball Cub Camp (Gym)

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.

SANCTUARY USHERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking additional volunteers to serve as Sanctuary Ushers during the worship services. Ushers play an important role in welcoming and assisting our church family and guests each Sunday.

If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Wayne Bond, wsb0075@gmail.com OR @201-704-5312.
Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to serve!

OUR KNOWN SICK: Orchard View Rehabilitation: Bryan Sargent, 116.

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. Wynelle Foster by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hett.

Samaritan Fund: In honor of Dr. Robert Wood by the Seekers Sunday School Class.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Angie Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Al Ramsay and Ms. Iva Hudson.

JUNE MISSION BASKET

Supporting Wilson Homes and the FAM Closet, serving foster families.

We are collecting new and gently used summer clothing for children and youth, including croc-style shoes, T-shirts, and shorts. If your children have outgrown their clothing, please consider donating them.

Donation baskets will be located outside both services.

Ministry Staff Contact List:

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ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Breathe
making room for sabbath

Step into a summer of renewal and discover the gift of rest God intends for His people. Through the study Breathe, by Priscilla Shirer, women will explore freedom from busyness, the blessing of Sabbath, and how making margin for God can reshape daily life.

Join Kent Butler and Suzanne McCluskey, as they lead this 5-week study, June 16–July 14, Tuesdays from 1:30–3:00 PM at the College House.

Registration is open through June 1.
Contact Doris Reid to sign-up at 706.888.9172 or dorishreid@gmail.com
Use the QR code to order your study book.

Book Link

THE ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

BOOK: The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom...

a true story that invites us to SEE differently and LIVE differently.

Stay Connected This Summer

Read our selected book over the summer at your own pace and join us on July 29th for conversation and connection!

Two identical morning/evening sessions will be planned for the 29th. Book link QR code below!

ST.LUKE kids
BIRTH – 5TH GRADE

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.
The deadline to signup for VBS is June 7th.

There will be an information table in the lobby of the 9:00 service to answer any questions about VBS, help with signing up, as well as an opportunity to sign up to volunteer.

Volunteers Needed for VBS!
Scan the kids QR Code to Sign up

CampConnect

This is the LAST WEEK to register!

ST. LUKE SUMMER CAMP
JULY 6-10

Rising 4th and 5th graders.
Scan kids QR code to register.

COLLEGE HOUSE
Revelation 3:20

College House

Sunday School
@ College House after The Nine

Wednesdays @7:00 p.m.
Worship and bible study

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JUN. 3 - Locals Lunch & Bible Study
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Eat lunch, play games, and open scriptures together.

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

BE A PART OF ST. LUKE'S
MINI MISSION

All shoes have been covered – Praise God for a generous church!! If you would like to go on the half day trip to place the shoes on their feet, please sign up at the QR code.

Details: St. Luke buses leave the church at 3:30pm on June 10th, drive to Camp Grace in Roberta, GA, and return that evening.

Questions? Contact LHaygood@stlukecolumbus.org or 706.256.1310

Camp Grace
WED, JUNE 10

REGISTER FOR DAY TRIP HERE

Who's on the Couch?

PRESENTED BY THE ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Join us for a lunch where stories take center stage! A green couch, **A SURPRISE GUEST**, and a powerful testimony you won't hear anywhere else.

Take a seat, share a meal, and be part of the story. Each gathering brings a different voice; honest, encouraging, and rooted in what God is doing in real life.

Thursday, June 4th
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Ministry Center, Large Dining Room
Cost: $15 includes lunch

Scan QR code or
call Julie @706-327-4343 to register

Free Spirits Lunch & Entertainment program of

"...bits and pieces"

June 16, 2026
St. Luke Ministry Center - 11:30 a.m. - Cost $12.00

A bit of jazzy sax, tapping, musical theatre, and old fashioned Gospel singing. Reservations must be made by phone. RSVP by calling Julie @ 706.327.4343 OR Email: jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org Reservations Due on June 9th

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Respite Care

Director of Respite Care Ministry Opening

St. Luke Church is seeking a Director for our Respite Care Ministry - a compassionate leader who will help support families and create a welcoming, caring environment for those we serve. To view the full job description, visit the Careers section at the bottom of the website: stlukecolumbus.org/careers. Questions may be directed to Andy Hidle at ahidle@stlukecolumbus.org.

Military Ministry

Warriors Battle brings together a community of brave individuals who share a bond forged by honor, sacrifice, and service. Offering a supportive environment where these courageous individuals can share their experiences, be heard, and receive encouragement and empathy from their peers through a proven biblical faith-based approach. Join Warriors Set Free in one of their upcoming Men's Encounters (Warriors Battle) from August 12 - 15, 2026, in Brandenburg, KY, or November 4-7, 2026, in Lake Allatoona, GA. There is also a devoted Women's Encounter (Heroes Reflect) from November 18-21, 2026, in Lake Allatoona, GA. Learn more at warriorssetfree.org/battle/.

Music Box

Thank You to the Faithtones for singing in the offertory today!

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 and in loving memory of Mr. Jerry Elmore by Mrs. Nina Elmore.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: June 28; July 5; September 13, 20, 27; October 25; November 15, 22, 29.

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