

Thad's Thoughts

They say that you know you have a good friend when you can be apart for long periods of time, but the minute you are back together it is like you were together last week. That was most definitely the case for us as we recently spent the weekend with good friends whom we hadn't seen for awhile. We immediately picked up where we left off and the laughter never ceased.

I heard a pastor say that our prayer life should be the same way. Rather than beginning our prayers with a formal introduction each time, this pastor said that our prayers should always begin, "Oh, and God..." The implication is that we are walking so closely with our Lord and Savior that the conversation always picks up right where it left off. Because Jesus is closer than a friend, our prayer life can be an ongoing conversation.

I imagine that it is very pleasing to God for us to remain so close that we are in constant conversation. God never moves. We are the ones who often wander off. We are the ones who leave our Creator to try and blaze our own trail. Therefore, for us to be able to have a continual conversation it means that we are staying close and not wandering. There doesn't have to be that awkward re-entry period because we have never really been apart.

Romans 12:12 says, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Whether you are rejoicing or you are in a time of tribulation, keep the conversation going with Jesus. He wants to know all about it. He is a constant companion who will laugh with you or who will sit and cry with you. Just talk to him. He is always eager to listen!



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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, June 14

- 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)
- 12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 6:00 p.m. Music Rehearsal (Stage)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, June 15

- 9:00 a.m. SLS Tea Party (SD, MIN)

Tuesday, June 16

- 8:00 a.m. Gallant Few Ranger for Life Symposium (Ranger Center)
ELC Summer Camp (Gym)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 11:30 a.m. Free Spirits Luncheon (LD, MIN)
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Breathe Bible Study (College House)
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Girls' Bible Study (Youth Room)

Wednesday, June 17

- 8:00 a.m. ELC Summer Camp (Gym)
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 12 Noon Men's Young Professional Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 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 18

- 8:00 a.m. ELC Summer Camp (Gym)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

Friday, June 19 **CAMPUS CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH**

- 8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (MMC, 1022 2nd Ave.)

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.

GUIDING PEOPLE IN A B

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.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Angie Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mitchell.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Angie Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Fay.

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.

Donation baskets will be located outside both services.

THE ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

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!

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

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



Dear St. Luke Family,

Words cannot begin to express how grateful and overwhelmed my family and I were by the wonderful celebration you hosted for my retirement. I can honestly say that during much of it, I found myself wondering who you were talking about! Your kind words, generous gifts, and expressions of love touched me deeply. One of the greatest joys of my life has been serving in ministry alongside you, the St. Luke family. You have blessed me in countless ways, and you will forever hold a special place in my heart and in my prayers. Through your faithfulness, love, and good work, I have grown in my own walk with Christ. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives and for the many memories we have shared over the years.

With much love, gratitude, and appreciation,

Mitch Watts

ALL THINGS KIDS!

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



ST. LUKE KIDS

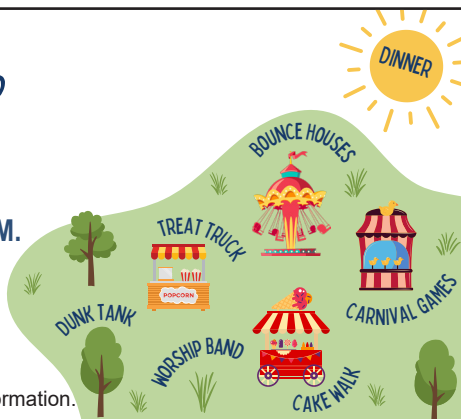
MIDWEEK SUMMER BLOCK PARTY CARNIVAL THEME

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 | 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER

Worship at 5:00 - Dinner at 5:50
Bounce Houses, Dunk Tank, Games,
and more until 8:00 pm!

Email mkratchman@stlukecolumbus.org for more information.



ST. LUKE CHURCH VBS



Volunteers Still Needed for VBS!

Scan the kids QR Code to Sign up!

GOT FAUX PLANTS?

As we prepare for this year's VBS, we are seeking faux plants for our decorations and stage setup. If you have any artificial plants, new or secondhand, that you would be willing to loan, we would be grateful for your support as we prepare for another memorable week of VBS.



College House

Sunday School

@ College House after The Nine

Wednesdays @7:00 p.m.

Worship and bible study

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JUN. 17- No locals lunch and bible study this week. Please pray for our service trip to Belize, June 15-19!

Ministry Staff Contact List:

Director of Children's Ministries, Maddie Kratchman
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ACOLYTE MINISTRY

If you have a rising 4th-8th grader interested in serving as an acolyte, please contact Laurie Dudley at 704-891-7837 or DudleySL99@yahoo.com

LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS.

OUR PHONE NUMBERS

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706-322-2703

MINISTRY CENTER:

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RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY:

706-256-3117

SAVE THE DATE

St. Luke Church Women's Ministry Event

September 3, 2026

Cleere Cherry Reaves is an author, speaker, podcaster, and the founder of *CLEERLY Stated* – a nationally loved gift line and online ministry helping people see themselves and others through the eyes of Jesus.



RESPIRE CARE

TIPS FOR DAILY TASKS - ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA CARE

Check water temperature. Lower the thermostat on the hot water heater to prevent burns. Take fire safety precautions. Keep matches and lighters out of reach. Focus on individualized care; each person with Alzheimer's disease will experience its symptoms and progression differently. Tailor these practical tips to your family member's needs. Patience and flexibility along with self-care and support of friends and family can help you deal with the challenges and frustrations ahead.



MILITARY MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW?

The Military Ministry leads a Friday morning bible study each week for veterans and military family members at 8:30 am. Join us for GallantSpirit Bible Week Cap as we explore God's word by "week-capping" with The Bible Recap, a one-year chronological study of the Bible, developed by Tara-Leigh Cobble. Contact Tony Mayne at tony@gallantfew.org for more information.

MUSIC BOX

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.

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 honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Turner on their 50th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

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