

Thad's Thoughts

Over the years, Hollywood has portrayed fatherhood in a variety of ways. Perhaps the most iconic portrayal of fatherhood is the 1960's television show *Father Knows Best*. In that famous sitcom, Robert Young portrayed the hard working, perfect dad who was never without a suit and tie. The 1970's brought us Archie Bunker. A blue collar, grumpy, racist dad who had a tender heart, but it was rarely seen. The 1980's gave us the beloved Cliff Huxtable, played by then loved comedian Bill Cosby. Cliff Huxtable was strict in his family values but very fun loving, humorous, and playful. Bill Cosby, unfortunately, turned out to be anything but an upstanding father and we have all felt betrayal and bitter disappointment as a result of his horrible acts off camera. In the 1990's fatherhood really took a turn for the worst in the sitcom, *Married With Children*. Al Bundy, played by actor Ed O'Neil, was a grumpy, off color, deadbeat dad who spent most of his time sitting on a sofa complaining about the world. In this world of mixed up images of fatherhood, what is a dad to do?

On the one hand, we should aspire to be more like *Father Knows Best*. Strong, confident, always sharp dressed and hard working for our families. On the other hand, any caring dad wants to be playful and humorous so that our families think we are cool and fun like Cliff Huxtable. Unfortunately, more times than not, dads wind up more like Archie Bunker or Al Bundy, grumpy, tired, and mad with the world. Again, what is a dad to do?

I invite you to join me in worship this Sunday as we look at a biblical understanding of fatherhood. We will examine some biblical characteristics of a Godly father in hopes that we might, "Guide fathers, in this broken and distracted world, to know, love, and follow Jesus." The problem, of course, with all of the above mentioned fathers is that they are fictional, flawed, and skewed. If we look to Hollywood to tell us what Godly fatherhood looks like, we are looking in the wrong direction. Our Heavenly Father is the only example to which we should look. He designed us, He created us, He made us fathers to begin with, and He is the only one who can truly guide us to live out His design for our lives. I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday as we look to the Heavenly Father!



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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 21 FATHER'S DAY

- 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)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, June 22

- 9:00 a.m. SLS Summer Camp (8-5, Gym / 9-12, Martin Field)
- 5:30 p.m. M2540

Tuesday, June 23

- 9:00 a.m. SLS Summer Camp (8-5, Gym / 9-12, Martin Field)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Breathe Bible Study (College House)
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Girls' Bible Study (Youth Room)

Wednesday, June 24

- 9:00 a.m. SLS Summer Camp (8-5, Gym / 9-12, Martin Field)
- 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)
- 5:00 p.m. Midsummer Block Party (LD & MIN parking lot)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
College House Ministry (College House)

Thursday, June 25

- 9:00 a.m. SLS Summer Camp (8-5, Gym / 9-12, Martin Field)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

Friday, June 26

- 8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (MMC, 1022 2nd Ave.)
- 9:00 a.m. SLS Summer Camp (8-5, Gym / 9-12, Martin Field)

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: Wellstar Kennestone Hospital: Josh McCullough BT 529

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 honor of Mr. Mitch Watts by Mr. Walter Miller.

Food Pantry: In honor of Mrs. Lucile Lambert for her 100th birthday by Mrs. Glenda Merrill. In memory of Mr. Allen Parham by his family.

Music Fund: In memory of Mrs. Nancy Register by Mrs. Betty Jones and Ms. AnLeone Evans.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mrs. Nancy Register and in honor of Mr. Mitch Watts by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sigmund.

Military Ministry: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Erling Pedersen by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.

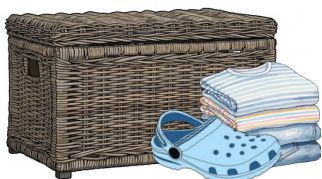


No Men's Fish Fry Lunch in June



We will resume on July 31. Save the date!

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.



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 *CLEERELY Stated* – a nationally loved gift line and online ministry helping people see themselves and others through the eyes of Jesus.



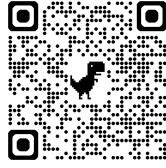
SANCTUARY USHERS NEEDED

We are seeking additional volunteers to serve as Sanctuary Ushers during the worship service. 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!

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 5:15
Bounce Houses, Dunk Tank, Games, and more until 8:00 pm!

Email mkkratchman@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?

We are in need of faux plants (loaned or donated) for this year's VBS. Contact Maddie Kratchman for more information and drop-off details.



College House

Sunday School

@ College House after The Nine

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

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JUN. 24 - Join us for the Summer Block Party! See details above.

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

Telephone Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Our Telephone Sunday School Class is offered weekly for homebound participants. The class follows a structured curriculum and needs a few volunteers to serve in the teacher's rotation to connect the participants and lead the discussion. Contact Andy Hidle (ahidle@stlukecolumbus.org) if interested!

Save the Date!

Join us for a Mission Trip experience at Naomi's Village in Summer 2027.

June 15-27, 2027

To reserve your spot or learn more, please contact Laura.



NAOMI'S VILLAGE

LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS.

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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.

FATHERS DAY IS WESLEY GLEN SUNDAY

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Wesley Glen
Ministries**

Give online:

wesleyglennministries.com

Make Checks Payable to:

St. Luke Church
memo: Wesley Glen

Free Spirits Summer Movie Day

July 21st - 1:00 p.m.

The Bradley Company Museum
Red Skelton Movie & Light Refreshments

Escape the July heat and join the Free Spirits for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and entertainment. Please RSVP by July 15th. Call Julie at 706-327-4343 or emailing jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild on the occasion of Father's Day.

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

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