



SERVE LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY



JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2016

SUMMER AT A GLANCE

June

June 18: Coalition for the Homeless

- Baking from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Cooking (including food prep) from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Serving from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

July

July 8: UP (United Against Poverty/Community Food and Outreach) Family Fun Night from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

July 9: Winter Garden Community Garden from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

July 9: Clean the World from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

July 9 - Second Harvest Food Bank General Service Day from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

July 10: Jobs Partnership Orientation and Sign-up Meeting

July 13: S.T.A.R.S. Backpack Assembling from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

July 16: UP (United Against Poverty/Community Food and Outreach) General Service Day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 16: Coalition for the Homeless

- Baking from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Cooking (including food prep) from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Serving from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

July 17: Backpack Tags Available

July 20: S.T.A.R.S. Backpack Assembling from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

July 22: Jobs Partnership Final Sign-up

July 23: Second Harvest Food Bank Family Day from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

July 31: Backpack Tags Available

August

August 6: Jobs Partnership training

August 6: Winter Garden Community Garden from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

August 7: Backpack tags and supplies due

August 8: Educational IMPACT Orientation Meeting

August 12: UP (United Against Poverty/Community Food and Outreach) Family Fun Night from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

August 20: Coalition for the Homeless

- Baking from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Cooking (including food prep) from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Serving from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Anytime: Sign up for Family Promise (Sept. 25 to Oct. 2)

For information visit st.lukes.org/local, email serve@st.lukes.org, or call 407.876.4991, ext. *239.



SUMMER SPECIAL SERVE EVENTS

Backpack Project

Each year St. Luke's provides backpacks to the Orange County Social Workers who work with families in need in public schools. We are partnering with S.T.A.R.S of West Orange County (Supplies to Assist our Students) to maximize our purchasing power to provide supplies for almost 1000 students. Please pick up a backpack tag with all the donation details in the hallway of Building C beginning July 17.

St. Luke's Backpack Collection and Donations (cash or in-kind donations)

Dates: Sunday, July 17, July 24, and July 31: Backpack Tags available.
Sunday, August 7: Last day to turn in donations or supplies

Backpack supply sorting with S.T.A.R.S (in the West Oaks Mall near JCPenney, Suite 106)

Sign up to help sort supplies or stuff backpacks. (6 spots are reserved for St. Luke's for each shift. Sign up online at st.lukes.org/local, under Intergenerational Serving Opportunities)

Dates: Wednesday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Jobs Partnership (jobpartnershipfl.org)

A faith based organization that provides a 12-week, biblically-based, employability program for the chronically under-employed in Orange County. St. Luke's partners with Jobs Partnership to support the West Orange County program. The Fall 2016 class is now forming and there are many ways to become involved including coaching and administration positions. Sign up by July 22. Coaches' time commitment is three hours per week for 12 weeks plus a mandatory, one-day training (August 6).

Volunteer at UP (United Against Poverty/Community Food and Outreach)

UP is a local organization that helps provide hunger relief, crisis care, public assistance, outreach, educational opportunities, and employment programs. Volunteers help sort, organize and stock shelves in the cost share grocery store.

Family Fun Night: Dinner, music and volunteering (all ages are welcome). Sign up at st.lukes.org/local.

Dates: Friday, July 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, August 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

General Service Days: This is a great opportunity for families or groups to serve together. Children must be ages 10+ to participate.

Date: Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m OR 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (We have reserved 12 spots for each shift for both General Service Shifts. Please sign up by July 13.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Second Harvest Food Bank collects, stores and distributes donated food to more than 550 partners in six Central Florida counties. Sign up to help sort donations in their warehouse or food pantry. Volunteers must be at least 10 years old with a chaperone who is 18 years or older in order to volunteer (16 years old without a chaperone).

Date: Saturday, July 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for general volunteers. We have reserved 12 spots for St. Luke's. Please sign up by July 6.

Family Day: Saturday, July 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. is for families with young children (ages 5-9 specifically) who cannot volunteer during the regular donation sorting shifts due to age restrictions. Families that have children older than 9 can come along with their younger siblings. No children under 5 may volunteer. We have reserved 12 spots for St. Luke's. Please sign up by July 20.

Volunteer at Clean the World

Clean the World recycles soap and hygiene products from more than 2,250 hotel and resort partners. Help sort donated products to be hygienically recycled. This is a fun project for families and groups. Minimum age to volunteer is 8, and youth ages 8 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Saturday, July 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 12 spots are reserved. Sign up by July 6.

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HUNGER MINISTRIES



Coalition for the Homeless

This downtown, non-profit organization serves families and individuals who are facing homelessness and moving into permanent housing. St. Luke's has served dinner on the third Saturday of the month for over 25 years. This is an entry level role and no training is required. Elementary age and older may bake or serve. Must be High School and older to help cook.

Dates: Saturday, June 18, Saturday, July 16, Saturday, August 20

Baking from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Luke's kitchen in Building C

Cooking (includes food prep) from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the shelter

Serving the meal from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the shelter

Food Pick Up

St. Luke's volunteers pick up excess food that would otherwise go to waste from Health Central and Publix. The food is then donated to Coalition for the Homeless and West Orange Daily Bread. Time requirement is 2 hours per week. You can also sign up to be a substitute driver. Volunteers must be able to drive, load and unload donated food.

HOUSING MINISTRIES



Family Promise

St. Luke's is one of 17 host churches that work with Family Promise of Greater Orlando to keep homeless families together while they rebuild their lives. St. Luke's converts four classrooms into bedrooms and creates a common living space in the Attic of Building C. We host up to four families for one week, four times per year. Volunteers are needed to donate food, dinners, and serve as day, evening and overnight hosts. Training is required for hosts and recommended for all.

Dates: Sign up now for September 25 to October 2 Hosting.

Habitat for Humanity

St. Luke's partners with West Orange Habitat for Humanity to build affordable and quality houses in East Winter Garden. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate, assist and perform construction work. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. Our next Habitat house construction is currently being planned.

CHILD EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES



Educational IMPACT

St. Luke's is a Partner in Education with three Title One elementary schools: Mollie Ray, Pineloch and Maxey Elementary Schools. Trained volunteers commit to one hour per week as teachers' assistants in classrooms as math and reading coaches. Volunteers can also serve at special events, including: Math Bees, Robotics club, Chess Club, Carnival, and National Honor Society celebrations. Please join us for an informational session on August 8.

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ArtWorks

ArtWorks encourages children in challenging circumstances to recognize their creative talents and see themselves as special gifts from God. Art projects include positive themes and uplifting messages to build self-esteem and discover assets within each participating child and community. ArtWorks is part of the Arts After 5 ministry in East Winter Garden and works with other organizations like Edgewood Children's Ranch, Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families, Maxey Elementary School and West Orange Boys & Girls Club. ArtWorks is in need of artists experienced in helping young people express themselves artistically. Volunteers are needed weekdays between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

HEALTH MINISTRIES



Shepherd's Hope

Shepherd's Hope is a faith-based, health care assistance ministry for the uninsured in Central Florida. Patients eligible for services have income at or below 200% of the poverty level, are uninsured, and are not eligible for government assisted health care programs. Doctors and nurses are needed as well as other volunteers who serve as eligibility specialists. An orientation is the first step to getting started with Shepherd's Hope and all available volunteer roles and requirements are explained.

ADULT EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES

Shalom Prison Ministry

Shalom Prison Ministry offers compassion and support to those in prison. This ministry coordinates pen pals for those currently in prison and teaches reading to inmates at the 33rd St. Jail. Pen Pals spend about 15-20 minutes every month to write a letter to an inmate. This is an entry level role and a brief training on protocol is provided. Pen Pals are anonymous. The Reading Team's time commitment is about 1.5 hours per week. Training and clearance from 33rd St. Jail are required.

DONATE GOODS

Shalom Hygiene Kits (Ongoing Need)

The St. Luke's Shalom Prison Ministry collects hygiene items for the Work Release Center. They are always in need of the following products: Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Lotion. Have your group gather and pack travel size or full size toiletries in Ziploc bags to donate. Please bring hygiene bags to the St. Luke's front office for drop off (with a note identifying your group).

Goodwill Donations (Ongoing Need)

St. Luke's partners with Goodwill Industries in a unique way. We collect gently used clothing items and specific furniture (blue bin near back door of the Fellowship Hall). Proceeds from sales in Goodwill Thrift stores help support job training and placement programs. Goodwill in turn provides St. Luke's vouchers which benefit five Orlando Missions Ministries including IMPACT Schools and Family Promise.

For more information or to register, visit st.lukes.org/local. For questions about serving locally, please contact Kellie Brinker, Associate Director of Missions, at 407.876.4991 ext. *239 or kbrinker@st.lukes.org.

Belfast, Northern Ireland

St. Luke's relationship and friendship with the Methodist Church in Belfast goes back to 1997. Currently, Belfast South Methodist Church, led by Rev. David Campton, and St. Luke's are exploring ways to do studies together in order to deepen our relationships, hear perspectives from another part of the world, and grow together spiritually. Express interest via contact information below.

Compassion Child Sponsorship

Through Compassion International, 62 St. Lukers sponsor 58 children living in extreme poverty in one of the three slums in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. For \$38 a month or \$1.27 a day, you can sponsor a child and help provide education, supplementary nutritious food, health care and connection with a caring church community.

Cuba

St. Luke's is supporting the partner church (through the Methodists United in Prayer, a Florida United Methodist Conference initiative with the Cuban Methodist Conference) building a parsonage and providing a salary supplement for pastors. You can be a part of this team whether you are able to travel to Cuba or not.

Florida City Branches

Since the early 1990's, St. Luke's has been a partner of Branches as they work with communities in Florida City to educate and inspire people through student, family and financial stability services. This ministry provides a great opportunity for families and inter-generational groups to serve together. It is an excellent first time overnight mission experience. A high school youth team is going to provide youth counselors for the Branches Summer Shade day camp in July.

United Methodist Micro-Finance Connection

This project of the United Methodist Church General Board of Global Ministries and the United Methodist Large Church Mission Connection helps low-income individuals in Malawi or Mexico start or expand a small business. You may give as little as \$25, directly or in someone's name, as a family or group of friends. Visit umcmicrofinance.org to learn more. St. Luke's UMC is a founding sponsor.



ZOE Ministries

St. Luke's UMC began its journey with ZOE by meeting the challenge of funding a working group during the Advent season of 2015. That means contributing \$7,500 per year for three years for a total of \$22,500.

In addition to financial support, we want to extend prayers from our congregation to our working group on a regular basis. Our working group, Abanyamurava "Brave", began in January 2016. During their first meetings they experienced understanding, compassion, and acceptance from the other children. They elected leaders, made rules to guide their meetings, chose a group name, and decided when and where to hold weekly gatherings. Within the first six months, the children will train on the topics of food security, health and disease prevention, business management, and child rights. If they had access to land they were provided seeds to start gardens and plant crops. If siblings were not attending school, ZOE provided uniforms and other resources to get them back into classes. Children who had skills were provided grants so that they could start



St. Luke's supported Abanyamurava "Brave" Working Group with 29 households and a total of 84 children.

small businesses, others began vocational training. Most importantly, all began to experience God's love and realize that though many are orphans, they have a God in heaven who loves them. Prayer magnets for our ZOE Brave group are available.

For questions or more information about Global Missions contact Mariam Mengistie, Director of Mission Development, at 407.876.4991, ext. *313 or mmengistie@st.lukes.org.

SERVE IN EAST WINTER GARDEN (EWG)



"In Circles, we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to become economically stable. To accomplish this, we build intentional relationships between people from all walks of life to help individuals build resources to achieve their unique goals and dreams leading to economic improvement. Circles engages entire communities in owning the solution to poverty by inspiring and equipping families and communities to thrive"

Opportunities to Serve in Circles

Circles, Winter Garden Location meets every Tuesday night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner and childcare is provided.

Allies: Serve 2-4 times per month on Tuesdays. Develop an intentional friendship with an individual to assist him or her in achieving goals to reach economic stability. Training required.

Resource Teams: Serve one Tuesday a month and independently between meetings to accomplish tasks. Currently, five Resource Teams support the Circles initiative: Jobs & Education, Logistics, Community Resources, Big View and Youth Program. Training required.

Ad Hoc Allies: When requested, offer help in navigating resources or life choices. Ad Hoc Allies are called upon to offer specific expertise in almost any life skill: examples include insurance, car repair/purchasing, healthcare options, home repair, resume writing, interview skills, etc. Training required.

Youth Program: Spend time playing games or helping with homework along with our staff on Tuesday nights. Children are ages 4-14. Choose the frequency of your commitment. Training and background check are required.

Tutoring: Tutor children in math or reading/language arts. Twice a month. Teaching or tutoring background preferred. Training and background check required.

Meal Preparation: Help prepare dinner for our Circles community. Chop, measure & mix food that has been pre-purchased for our Tuesday meals. Mondays. Several shifts available. Frequency is flexible.

Supply a Meal (or part of a Meal): Donate prepared main dishes, side dishes, vegetarian dishes or desserts or donate ingredients that can be prepared. Tuesdays by 3:00 p.m. Frequency is flexible.

Serve Meals/Clean Up: Help serve our meal and wash dishes at our Weekly Meeting. Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Choose the frequency of your commitment. Training required.

For more information about Circles, contact Beth Witten, Circles Coordinator, at bwitten@st.lukes.org.



Winter Garden Community Garden

The Community Garden is a partnership between the City of Winter Garden and the EWG Community and has over 100 plots available for rent each season. Much of the produce that is grown is donated either directly to EWG residents in need or to the West Orange Christian Service Center. No gardening skills are required to volunteer.

Dates: Saturday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 6, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Other ways to serve in EWG*: (*Requires training)

- Special Events including movie nights, prayer events, block parties and more
- Maxey Elementary School classroom and afterschool help
- Boys & Girls Club after school and summer program help
- Arts After 5 volunteer support, Robotics class

For more information or questions about ministry in East Winter Garden, please contact Adam Hartnett, Director of Neighborhood Ministries, at 407.876.4991 ext. *346 or ahartnett@st.lukes.org.

Art After 5

Arts After 5

Arts After 5 and the East Winter Garden Neighborhood Alliance are continuing Theater Expressions through the summer! They will put on "The Magical Land of Oz", a dazzling 70-minute musical. Performance is August 6 at The Maxey Community Center in Winter Garden at 6:00 p.m. View additional details at st.lukes.org/eastwintergarden.

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