## **NEW HERE?**

**New to St. Luke's?** Please visit the Welcome Hall of Building C on Sunday mornings for coffee and donuts and stop by the Connection Point for a New Guest Information Booklet.

New Guest Meet-n-Greet: Learn more about St. Luke's and take a campus tour TODAY! Meet after each worship service in the Building C Special Events Dining Room. Contact 407.876.4991 ext. 216 or connect@st.lukes.org for info.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

The St. Luke's United Methodist Church family in faith welcomes you.

**Our Purpose:** Building the Kingdom By Building Disciples

**Our Vision:** That the believers of St. Luke's United Methodist Church will reach as many people as possible in Central Florida introducing them to eternal life in Jesus Christ. Together, we commit to worship, connect, and grow as Disciples, to serve in building the Kingdom of God.

**Our Core Values:** At our center is the love of Jesus Christ.

We value Christ-centered acceptance, hospitality, community, discipleship, and service.

## **NEWS ABOUT UNEWS**

St. Luke's is taking new steps to GO GREEN! In an effort to be good stewards of the environment and your financial gifts, primary distribution of this document will be through the St. Luke's Weekly Update email, St. Luke's social media sites, and at st.lukes.org/news. Printed copies are also available in the campus information racks. To sign up for the Weekly Update email visit st.lukes.org/subscribe.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



## **Basketball and Cheerleading**

Basketball and cheerleading registration is OPEN for children K-8th grade for basketball and PreK-5th grade for cheerleading. Our first game will be January 20 and the season ends March 10. Visit st.lukes.org/sports to learn more!



## "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Tickets on Sale

Tickets are now on sale for the St. Luke's youth production of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" with shows on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. and December 2 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Visit st.lukes.org/charliebrown for more details and to purchase your tickets!



## Christmas Concert on December 9 and 10

Tickets are on sale for "Through A Child's Eyes" at st.lukes.org/christmasconcert. Join our Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choir on December 9 and 10 for wonderful Christmas classics, a live nativity scene, a full orchestra, and more! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.



## Christmas Movie Night - December 15

Join us for this year's FREE movie under the stars, Polar Express! The night will begin at 5:30 p.m. with ornament decorating. To pre-purchase dinner and to RVSP visit st.lukes.org/movienight.

## **WORSHIP**



The Rev. Jennifer Stiles Williams Lead Pastor



The Rev. Corey Jones Executive Pastor



The Rev. Jad Denmark Minister of Care

## Baptism Class, December 6

Visit st.lukes.org/baptism to learn more about infant and adult baptism classes. Email care@st.lukes.org or call 407.876.4991 ext. 262.

## Traditional Worship

in the Sanctuary 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

## **Contemporary Worship**

in Founder's Hall 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Visit st.lukes.org/schedule to view full worship schedule.

#### Special Advent Worship Begins November 29

Join us for three weeks of special worship each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Look for Adult Ministries at the Connect and Care Fair TODAY to purchase Advent devotionals and to sign up for classes!







## UNEWS /ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH/NOVEMBER 19 - 25

## CONNECT



st.lukes.org/connect



connect@st.lukes.org



407.876.4991 ext. 216

## Connect and Care Fair, TODAY

Looking for a way to get connected at St. Luke's? Learn about all the different opportunities for St. Lukers and community members to connect and care for one another. Visit the fair between worship services as you walk between the Sanctuary and Building C!

## Senior Ministries (60+)

Newsletters available in campus info racks.

#### **Senior Sunday Brunch**

Join us on December 3 at 12:30 p.m. Please call 941.730.1364 for location and to RSVP.

#### **Game Day**

Drop in on Wednesday, December 6 at 12:30 p.m. to play games with friends in the Building C Attic.

#### **Cluster Groups**

Social groups based on interests, life stage, or neighborhood. View all activities at st.lukes.org/clustergroups or email connect@st.lukes.org.

#### **Open Arms**

All LGBTQ+ persons and allies are invited to a cookout! Bring your friends, family, and a side dish to Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake TODAY from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Pavilion 4). RSVP to openarms.cluster@st.lukes.org.

#### **Bowling**

Meet November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Winter Garden Bowl. Questions? Contact bowling.cluster@st.lukes.org.

#### **Military Friends and Support**

Join us for a holiday social on December 1 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Building C Attic. We'll start with a potluck dinner and then watch A Charlie Brown Christmas together. Purchase your tickets in advance and RSVP to military.cluster@st.lukes.org.

## CONNECT CONT.

#### **Family Connection**

Join us in the Building C Attic on December 2 at 3:00 p.m. to enjoy snacks, crafts, games, and a holiday movie! For details and to RSVP Email familyconnection.cluster@st.lukes.org.

#### Exercise for Adults

St. Luke's Campus will be closed November 20 to November 24. Exercise classes will resume on Monday, November 27.

Visit st.lukes.org/sports, email sports@st.lukes.org, or call 407.876.4991 ext. 290 for details.

#### Tai Ch

Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Building A Dance Room (upstairs). \$2.00/class, first class free.

#### **Evening Exercise**

T/Th at 6:00 p.m. in the Coleman Memorial Gym. \$5/class or \$30/month. First class free.

#### 50+ Exercise Classes

All classes \$2.00 Exercise: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on M/W in the Coleman Memorial Gymnasium; Stretch and Strength: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on T/Th in the Coleman Memorial Gymnasium; Yoga: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Fridays in the Coleman Memorial Gymnasium.

#### Free Adult Volleyball

Tuesdays in the Coleman Memorial Gymnasium from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## CARE



st.lukes.org/care



care@st.lukes.org



407.876.4991 ext. 262

#### Free Knitting/Crochet Class

Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Building C Room 200. No registration required.

#### **Need Transportation?**

Volunteers can drive you to appointments free of charge.

## CARE CONT.

#### **Stephen Ministry Classes**

Interested in serving? Contact the Care office to learn more about this amazing ministry and to complete an application. Classes start in January.

#### **Community Counseling Center**

Open to anyone in the community. Call 407.876.8237 to schedule an appointment with a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. For information visit st.lukes.org/counseling.

#### **Cancer Support Group**

Cancer fighters, survivors, and caregivers meet on Thursday, December 14 in the Building C Attic. Share fellowship and enjoy a potluck together. Bring your favorite dish to share. Register at st.lukes.org/care.

#### **DivorceCare**

Separation/divorce? Meet Tuesdays through January 9 at the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Free YMCA childcare. RSVPs: 407.351.9417.

#### **Caring Kitchen Meals**

Know a St. Luker who would like a crockpot meal? Call 407.876.4991 ext. 262 and a driver can drop off a meal. Caring Kitchen will reconvene on Thursday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Building C kitchen. Ages 12+ are welcome.

#### **Autism Support Group**

No meeting in December. Parents of children and teens with ASDs are invited on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Building C Room 201.

## ASD Support Group for Parents of Adults/Soon-to-be Adults

No meeting in December. Meet in Building C Room 208 at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 11 for best practices for supporting adult children.

#### **GriefShare Winter/Spring Cycle**

Registration is now open for the winter/spring cycle of GriefShare. A daytime and evening class will be offered. Journey from grief toward healing and hope Thursdays February 1 - May 3. Meet in the Special Events Dining Room of Building C. To register visit st.lukes.org/care/#grief

# UNEWS /ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH/NOVEMBER 19 - 25

#### GROW



st.lukes.org/grow



grow@st.lukes.org



407.876.4991 ext. 238

St. Luke's Campus will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 20 to November 24. Classes will resume on Monday, November 27.

## **Sunday Programs**

#### 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Childcare for infants through preschool (1st floor Building B)

#### 8:00 a.m.

Children/youth worship with family

#### 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

Children in Building B

Merge (5th & 6th grade) in the Attic Youth (7th and 8th grade and high school) in the Attic

Adult classes in Building C

#### 11:00 a.m.

Worship Enrichment for elementaryage children (pickup in Building A Room 201)

Adult classes (Building C)

#### 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Youth Praise Band Rehearsal (the Attic)

#### 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

High School Youth Group (the Attic)

#### **Wednesday Programming Reminder**

The church campus is closed from November 20 through November 24 and will reopen for worship services on Sunday, November 26! Please enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your families and loved ones. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 29 for Advent programming beginning with dinner at 5:15 p.m. Sign up for a delicious dinner and new classes online at st.lukes.org/wednesday.

#### Children's Ministries

Janet Chambers: jchambers@st.lukes.org April Outing: aouting@st.lukes.org Antony Larry: alarry@st.lukes.org

## **GROW CONT.**

#### **Sunday Programming**

Stop by the Welcome Window on the first floor of Building B for information. Check-in is on the first floor of Building B. Preschool will learn about Solomon, the wise King, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., elementary-age children check in at a kiosk. Worship Enrichment for elementary-age children is offered at 11:00 a.m. Parents check in at the lobby of Founder's Hall and in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. Parents pick up after worship in Building A Room 201. On November 19 and 26 there will only be Worship Enrichment for elementary-age children at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Regular Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. will resume on December 3.

#### **Children's Bibles**

If you were unable to attend the worship service for your child to receive a Bible, please email Janet Chambers at jchambers@st.lukes.org. Letters with information about using the Bible and the book plate with the child's name on it signed by Pastor Jenn will arrive in the mail soon.

#### **Youth Ministries**

Brandon Sangster: bsangster@st.lukes.org Antony Larry: alarry@st.lukes.org



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#### **Thanksgiving Break**

There will be no Youth Sunday Morning Programming during Thanksgiving break (November 19 and 26).

#### **Confirmation Sunday, December 3**

Join us in celebrating our youth that participated in confirmation classes this fall! These students have been learning about God's grace and presence through the pastors, leaders and their peers during this journey, as well as the core values of St. Luke's and the United Methodist Church. We hope to see you in worship Sunday, December 3 as we confirm these young people!

## **GROW CONT.**

#### **Adult Ministries**

Caryn Royer: croyer@st.lukes.org

#### **Advent Classes Begin November 29**

Three new adult classes are beginning Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.! In The Bleak Midwinter: Theology of CS Lewis encourages faith in dark times, Exegesis studies the book of Isaiah, and Faith and Art explores inspiration of faith in various works of art! Register now at st.lukes.org/adults.

#### College Age (18-25)

Provide your college student's mailing and email address and we'll send notes and packages throughout the year!

#### Save the Date: November 25

Put all those college rivalries aside! Bring some friends and join St. Luke's College Ministry at Miller's Field House from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for football, games, and food! Email croyer@ st.lukes.org for more details.

## **SERVE**

## Serve in the Community



st.lukes.org/serve



serve@st.lukes.org



407.876.4991 ext. 285

#### Wish Tree is Here TODAY!

We are looking at Christmas differently this year following the storms and the number of families moving to our area. This will be a hard Christmas as parents make up for income loss from days off work, relocation expenses and home repairs. You may donate Walmart giftcards, pick up a Wish Tree tag, or make a monetary donation. Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 10. We also need volunteers to help sort and distribute gifts. For more information, visit st.lukes.org/serve.

## **Bridges Out of Poverty**

This workshop on December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is designed to help people better understand how socioeconomic class has affected them. You will learn how to suspend assumptions and how to communicate with people from different backgrounds so that relationships can be built. Register at st.lukes.org/serve.

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## SERVE CONT.

#### Winter Garden Community Garden

Do you enjoy gardening or working with your hands? Join us at the Winter Garden Community Garden at the corner of 9th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue in Winter Garden on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a great way to get involved with the East Winter Garden Community Initiative and a fun way to serve with your family and friends.

#### **Circles Allies**

Circles is seeking Allies for 10 individuals who want to transition out of poverty to economic stability. Each of these individuals will be matched with 2-3 Allies who will collaborate with him or her in reaching goals while developing intentional friendships within the Circles Community. Contact Beth Witten at bwitten@st.lukes.org for more information on how to begin this transformational journey.

#### Goodwill

The holidays are a great time to go through your home and find potential donations! Clothing in good condition, household items and gently used toys are great things to donate in the blue bins on our campus. Your donations provide us with Goodwill vouchers we can give to families in need this holiday season. For more information, please visit st.lukes.org/local.

## SERVE CONT.

#### Serve Within Our Church



(3) 407.876.4991 ext. 215

#### **Advent Ushers and Greeters**

Advent at St. Luke's is approaching quickly, and volunteers are needed for the following events: "A Charlie Brown Christmas," Christmas concerts, Christmas Preeve and Christmas Eve services. To sign up to serve and to learn more visit st.lukes.org/advent, or email jelliott@st.lukes.org.

#### **Volunteer Drivers Needed**

Drive St. Lukers to their doctors' appointments/pharmacy as needed. Call 407.876.4991 ext. 262 for details. Proof of liability insurance required.

#### **Children's Sunday School Volunteers**

It takes 5 adults in a child's life to help mentor them throughout their development. Be 1 of 5! Contact Janet Chambers at jchambers@st.lukes.org.

#### **Worship Slide & Camera Operators**

Worship slide (all services)/camera operators (9:30 a.m.) needed in both venues. Training provided. Contact Vince Lepore at vlepore@st.lukes.org.

#### Be a Helpful Guide

Share your St. Luke's knowledge with guests as a Connection Point Volunteer. Email jelliott@st.lukes.org to help.

#### COMMIT

The St. Luke's campus will be closed the week of Thanksgiving Monday, November 20 to Friday, November 24.

#### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Christmas Poinsettias are on sale now! Pick up your order form in the narthex or by the front office to purchase your poinsettias in honor/in memory of your loved ones. Don't miss out! All forms are due by Monday, December 4.

## 2018 Stewardship Promise Cards

The 2018 Stewardship Lookbook is now available in each worship venue and in the campus information racks. The booklet provides a look back at how your gifts supported Kingdom work in 2017 and a look ahead at St. Luke's stewardship goals for 2018. The booklet includes a promise card for St. Lukers to complete and return in worship, via mail, or to the church office so we can confirm your support for St. Luke's ministries for the coming year. You can also make your 2018 promise online at st.lukes.org/stewardship.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### Giving to St. Luke's

Use this QR code to give from your mobile device or make your contribution at st.lukes.org/give. Create your "My St. Luke's" account to make your one-time or recurring gift. Gifts can also be placed in the offering plate during worship.

#### Financial Update as of September 30, 2017

Operating Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2017 Annual Budget
Contribution and Support Receipts	\$2,406,036	\$2,473,072	\$3,494,848
Expenses (Net of Ministry Receipts)	\$2,541,667	\$2,639,213	\$3,494,848
Total Over (Under)	(\$135,631)	(\$166,141)	-



Visit st.lukes.org/stewardship to view detailed reports. Contact Contact Lisa Lietz, Finance Manager, at Ilietz@st.lukes.org or 407.876.4991 ext. 227 for questions and to sign up for electronic funds transfer.

