

MINISTRY GUIDE / ST. LUKE'S UMC / DECEMBER 9 - 15

WORSHIP



The Rev.
Jennifer Stiles Williams
Lead Pastor



The Rev. Corey Jones
Executive Pastor



The Rev. Jad Denmark
Minister of Care



The Rev. Melissa Cooper
Minister of Worship and Arts

Traditional Worship: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in Founder's Hall

WHAT WE BELIEVE

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.

NEW TO ST. LUKE'S?

Visit the Building C Welcome Hall on Sunday mornings for coffee and donuts and stop by the Connection Point for a New Guest Booklet.

Learn more about St. Luke's and take a campus tour on December 16 at our **New Guest Meet-N-Greet** after each worship service! For more details contact 407.876.4991 ext. 216 or connect@st.lukes.org.



The beauty of the season isn't just in the decorating we do at home. It's not about just preparing our homes, church and community with the stuff of Christmas. It's about preparing our hearts as well. Join us as we move toward the coming of Christ, preparing our hearts to receive God's gifts through Jesus.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday Advent Worship

Join us starting at 5:30 p.m. for dinner followed by Intergenerational Advent Worship at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in Founder's Hall! Each week children, youth, and adults are invited for music, joy, and an uplifting message for the season. Adults are then invited to stay for an Advent small group study. For more details visit st.lukes.org/adults.



"This is Christmas" Final Performance TODAY

Join us for the St. Luke's Traditional Music Ministry's production of "This Is Christmas." This annual concert features a full choir and orchestra, children's choir, bells, dancers and more! You can still get tickets for the final performance today at 5:30 p.m., so visit st.lukes.org/christmasconcert to reserve your seats.



Last Day for Wish Tree 2018

You can still pick up your tag in the Sanctuary Narthex or Building C Rotunda! Bring your \$25 gift cards (WalMart, Target), and/or \$10 gift cards (Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, etc.) back TODAY! To learn more about volunteering at the Christmas Shop on December 15 visit st.lukes.org/local.



FREE Family Christmas Movie Night




Invite friends and neighbors to St. Luke's Christmas Movie Night on Friday, December 14 starting at 5:30 p.m.! This year's movie under the stars is "The Santa Clause!" Come for ornament making, dinner and s'mores with friends. To RSVP and to prepurchase dinner visit st.lukes.org/movienight.



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CONNECT

-  st.lukes.org/connect
-  connect@st.lukes.org
-  407.876.4991 ext. 216

Serve with Connect Ministries

You could serve on the following teams:

- Greeting Team
- Connection Point Team
- Communication Team
- Ambassador Team
- Data Entry Team

Contact Liz Vasquez at 407.876.4991 ext. 216 or evasquez@st.lukes.org to find what might be a good fit for you.

Senior Ministries (60+)

Newsletters available in campus information racks.

Game Day

Join the fun as we play Train Dominoes on Monday, December 10 in Building C (outside the Gym) starting at 1:00 p.m. No experience needed. Drop-ins welcome!

Cluster Groups

Social groups based on interests, life stage, or neighborhood. Visit st.lukes.org/clustergroups for a full list of activities or contact connect@st.lukes.org.

Mom Connection

Find your Tribe with this group of supporting moms on Wednesday, December 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Building C Attic. Childcare is available. Contact mom.cluster@st.lukes.org for details.

Paper Arts

Finish making your holiday cards with this group of friends on Thursday, December 13 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Building B Room 202. Questions? Email paperarts.cluster@st.lukes.org.

Golf

Tee off at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16 for a 9-hole scramble. Beginners welcome! Contact golf.cluster@st.lukes.org for details.

Bowling

Join us at Winter Garden Bowl on Monday, December 17 starting at 7:00 p.m. Beginners welcome! Email bowling.cluster@st.lukes.org for details.

Ping Pong

Exercise your body and brain during a friendly game of table tennis from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20 in the Youth Center. Drop-ins welcome. Contact pingpong.cluster@st.lukes.org with questions.

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Motorcycle

Enjoy the cooler weather on the open road and join us for a ride on Saturday, December 22! For details contact motorcycle.cluster@st.lukes.org.

Family & Recreation Ministries

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

Basketball and Cheerleading Registration

Earlybird registration for basketball and cheerleading is open through December 14 (K-8th grade for basketball, PreK-5th grade for cheerleading). To learn more and register your child visit st.lukes.org/sports!

Exercise groups will not meet December 21 through January 1. Regular meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

Tai Chi

Wednesdays from 9:30 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: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on M/W in the Coleman Memorial Gymnasium
Stretch and Strength: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 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

CARE

-  st.lukes.org/care
-  care@st.lukes.org
-  407.876.4991 ext. 262

Need Transportation?

Volunteers can drive you to appointments free of charge.

Free Knitting/Crochet Class

Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Building C Room 200.

Stephen Ministry

This ministry allows you to be matched confidentially with a trained caring Christian who will listen, pray, and support you through job loss, marital issues, illness, grief, etc. Mark your Connection card or call the Care office at 407.876.4991 ext. 262 for more details.

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DivorceCare

Divorced? Separated? Need support? Attend DivorceCare Tuesdays through February 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dr. Phillips YMCA. Free YMCA childcare available with reservations. Call 407.351.9417 to register.

Support Group for Parents of Children/Teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Meet Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Building C Room 204. Register for childcare at least five days in advance at st.lukes.org/childcare.

Cancer Support Group

Cancer fighters, survivors, caregivers, spouses/partners, loved ones, and anyone touched by cancer, all are welcome! Meet in the Attic of Building C on Thursday, December 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Contact the Care office at 407.876.4991 ext. 262 for more details.

Baptism Class - January 3

Infant/child baptism classes are on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Founder's Hall Conference Room. Our next class is January 3. For more information visit st.lukes.org/baptism.

Caring Kitchen Meals

Prepare crockpot-ready meals on Thursday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Building C Kitchen (ages 12+). Sign up at st.lukes.org/care. Know a St. Luker who would like a crockpot meal? Call 407.876.4991 ext. 262.

GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse

This free two-hour workshop is designed to help those grieving the loss of a spouse no matter how long ago the loss occurred. Learn how to process your grief and face the future with hope. Meet Sunday, January 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Building C Attic. Register at st.lukes.org/GriefSharespouse.

Single & Parenting Support Group

Join this support group facilitated by St. Lukers who currently are/have been single parents to learn practical help for the challenges of single parenting Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Building C Room 201 starting January 9. Childcare and youth programming available. To register visit st.lukes.org/care. For details contact care@st.lukes.org.

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New GriefShare Sessions Starting

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Meet Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. or Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Special Events Dining Room of Building C for 13 weeks. A third class will start Thursday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. Register at st.lukes.org/care/#grief.

Care Visitation Team

Mark your Connection Card so a Care Visitation Team member can pray and offer care to you while hospitalized. Know a St. Luker who can no longer make it to church? Contact the Care office so a member of the Team can visit them and keep them connected to St. Luke's.

GROW

-  st.lukes.org/grow
-  grow@st.lukes.org
-  407.876.4991 ext. 238

Sunday Programs

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

Childcare for infants through preschool (First floor Building B)

8:00 a.m.

Elementary-age children/youth worship with families

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for elementary-age children (check-in in Building A or B to receive nametags)

Sunday School for grades 5-12 (Youth Center)

Adult classes in Building C

11:00 a.m.

*Worship Enrichment for elementary-age children

Youth worship with families
Adult classes in Building C

**Worship Enrichment is for elementary-age children to first worship with family, then explore the day's topic together. Check-in is in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or Founder's Hall lobby. Pick-up is in Building A Room 201.*

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group (Youth Center)

Wednesday Programs

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Children's Worship Arts/Choir/
Spiritual Formation for 1st-5th graders (Building A)

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5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner (Building C)

RSVP by Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. for dinners at st.lukes.org/wednesday
Cost: \$7.00 for adults,
\$6.00 for children ages 4-12

6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Children's evening program (drop-off in Gym/pick-up in Building A Room 201)
Childcare for infants through preschool (Building A Room 110)

Registration required:
st.lukes.org/childcare

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group (Youth Center)
High School Small Groups (Youth Center)

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Adult classes (Building C/Founder's Hall)

Children's Ministries

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



B 1 of 5 for a Child

You can be 1 of 5 to make a difference in the life of a child by being a volunteer, contact jchambers@st.lukes.org for more information.

Children's Ministry News

Pick up the latest newsletter in a Sunday School room or brochure rack. It has information on Christmas worship services, grade level fellowship events, and summer camp dates!

Grade Level Fellowship Event

3rd graders and their families are invited to a fellowship event on Sunday, January 20. Learn more and register at st.lukes.org/children.

Youth Ministries

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

"The Current"

For the latest Youth Ministry news and events, subscribe to our new monthly newsletter, "THE CURRENT," online at st.lukes.org/youth!

DISCOVERY - A Confirmation Journey

Students in grades 8-12 will learn about what makes Christianity so unique, then may choose to be confirmed as full members of The United Methodist Church. Register at st.lukes.org/youth by Sunday, December 16, classes begin January 27. Families are invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, January 20 at 12:15 p.m. in The Youth Center. Contact youth@st.lukes.org with questions.

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Adult Ministries




Caryn Royer: croyer@st.lukes.org
Bill Barnes: bbarnes@st.lukes.org

College Christmas Party

Calling all college-age young adults (18-25)! Save the date for our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. We'd love to have you join us for trivia, food and fun! Contact Caryn Royer at 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

LAST DAY for WISH TREE

Bring joy to a family in East Winter Garden this year. We are in need of:

- \$25 gift cards for WalMart or Target
- \$10 gift cards for restaurants for Teens

Donate funds using "QuickGive" and we will shop for gifts for you! Visit st.lukes.org/give and select "Wish Tree" in the drop-down menu.

Wish Tree Volunteer Opportunities

Visit st.lukes.org/wishtree to learn about how to volunteer to help sort gifts at St. Luke's TODAY from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. or at the Maxey Community Center on December 10 or 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

6th Annual "A Very Merry Christmas"

Over 50 families from East Winter Garden will gather together on Saturday, December 15 at the Jessie Brock Community Center to celebrate Christmas at "A Very Merry Christmas." Organized by the East Winter Garden Alliance, children and teens will make gifts, and their parents can shop in a low-cost shop of new, donated toys and gifts. Families also enjoy portrait-taking, full Christmas dinner and more. To volunteer to help at the event, visit st.lukes.org/wishtree.

Habitat for Humanity

Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in East Winter Garden on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month! The next workday is December 22 beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more information and to sign up, visit st.lukes.org/local.

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Brighten Christmas for Hospitalized Children

Donate new Beanie Babies, large red and white candy canes, individual pre-packaged cookies, candies, snacks, store-bought packaged Christmas cookies, new toys/gifts for children and teens in local hospitals during Christmas. To donate or volunteer with distribution of items, visit nathanielshope.org/Christmas. Drop off all items to the church office by Saturday, December 15 with attention to Kim Paredes labeled "Nathaniel's Hope."

Coalition for the Homeless

Help prepare a special dinner on Saturday, December 19. Come help bake from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Luke's kitchen in Building C; cook from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Shelter; help serve from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Shelter. Elementary-age children may be involved in baking and serving. Cooks must be high school age or older. Visit st.lukes.org/local to sign up.


Family Promise

St. Luke's is one of 17 host churches that work with Family Promise of Greater Orlando to keep families together in the face of homelessness. Classroom spaces are converted into a place to live and share family time during their week with us. The families will be here from December 30 to January 6. For more information visit st.lukes.org/local.

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Serve Within Our Church

 Visit st.lukes.org/serve and click on "Serve on Campus"

 407.876.4991 ext. 215

Worship Volunteers Needed

Worship slide (all services)/camera operators (9:30 a.m.) needed in both venues. Training provided. For more information about A/V production and tech opportunities, music, art, dance, theater ministries, or volunteering as an usher email worship@st.lukes.org.

Care Call Team Volunteers Needed

Connect with St. Lukers who have not been able to come to worship and may have care needs. Email care@st.lukes.org or call 407.876.4991 ext. 262 for details.



Save the Date!

Tickets on sale soon for performances January 25 through February 3.

COMMIT

The church campus will be closed from December 24 to 28 in observance of Christmas (will be open for worship on December 24).

CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S

The greatest time to reach our community in mass numbers with the absolute best of St. Luke's is on Christmas Eve. Make sure our brothers and sisters in Christ have a seat for Christmas Eve worship by attending one of the Preeve services below:

Candlelight Christmas Preeve Services Sunday, December 23

- 6:00 p.m.** Traditional led by Children and Youth Choirs in the Sanctuary
- 7:15 p.m.** Traditional in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 p.m.** Contemporary in Founder's Hall



Christmas Eve Services Monday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m.** Children's Nativity Pageant in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m.** Traditional candlelight led by ensemble in the Sanctuary
- 7:15 & 9:00 p.m.** Traditional candlelight in the Sanctuary
- 6:15 & 8:00 p.m.** Contemporary candlelight in Founder's Hall
- 11:15 p.m.** Traditional candlelight with Communion led by the Ladies Ensemble in the Sanctuary

All ages are welcome to worship at every service, however if you desire, childcare is available during select services.

Visit st.lukes.org/advent for details.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-End Giving

As December 31 approaches, consider giving a year-end gift. To be recognized in the 2018 tax year, all gifts must be given in worship by Sunday, December 30. Gifts can also be postmarked on or before December 31, turned in to the church office by 5:00 p.m., or completed online by 11:59 p.m. (st.lukes.org/give). Text SLUMC to 77977 for a link to give online. Contact Lisa Lietz at llietz@st.lukes.org for instructions if you'd like to make a non-cash gift of stock.

Financial Update as of October 31, 2018

Operating Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2018 Annual Budget
Contribution and Support Receipts	\$2,891,020	\$2,738,129	\$3,512,813
Expenses (Net of Ministry Receipts)	\$2,975,407	\$2,910,285	\$3,512,813
Total Over (Under)	(\$84,387)	(\$172,156)	-



Visit st.lukes.org/stewardship to make your 2019 stewardship promise and view detailed financial reports. Contact Lisa Lietz, Finance Manager, at llietz@st.lukes.org or 407.876.4991 ext. 227 with questions.