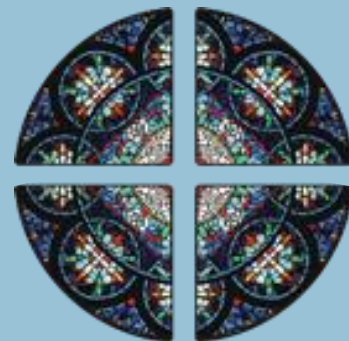


Knowing Serving Sharing



The Mission & Vision of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite all to join us in
knowing, serving, and sharing
Jesus Christ here and around the world.

Our Vision

To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love ~
every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

A Word from Jason

Dear Friends,

Your St. Luke's staff is so excited about what you will find inside this edition of "Connections"! Together with the sessional and diaconate committees, many plans have been made to kick off a new church year in September.

You will see information about Sunday School classes for all ages. If you aren't already plugged into a Sunday School class, I hope you will give it a try this year. There is nothing like the fellowship and discussion around God's Word that comes through the Sunday School experience – for children, youth, and adults. Come to breakfast in the Great Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 12th to find out more about the classes.

There is information about our Wednesday night ministry, which we are now calling "FEAST for All" – encompassing all of the Wednesday night events under one common name. There are wonderful opportunities for all ages to be involved, and I sure hope you will join us! FEAST for All begins Wednesday, September 22nd.

You'll find exciting plans and programs for the year ahead with our wonderful Music Ministry and Celebrate the Arts.

You will find information about our OWLS program and the fun plans we've made to enjoy fellowship and food with each other in the year ahead.

Check out the information about our Youth Ministry which kicks off the new year on Sunday, September 12th. The Youth Ministry team has incredible plans for the year (and beyond), so if you have youth from 6th-12th grade, I hope you'll encourage their involvement.

There's so much more, so I hope you'll read on in the pages that follow . . .

May God bless us as we head into an exciting new church year together.

In Christ's Love,

Jason

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KNOW

ALL

Christian Education Kickoff



Sunday, September 12

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall

Pancake Breakfast &

Christian Education Kickoff

Come join us in the Great Hall on Sunday, September 12, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., for a pancake breakfast and an opportunity to learn about the many Christian Education ministries of St. Luke's. This is a great chance to connect with others and discover new ways of knowing Christ!

ADULTS

Sundays

Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Seasons of the Spirit, Room 235

Teachers: Paula Barbin, Jan Billions, Wayne Radloff & Mark Rogers

This discussion class is biblically-based and follows the revised common Lectionary. The curriculum enables adults to study and consider the same Scriptures which are frequently used in the worship service.

The Present Word, Room 145, Parlor

Teachers: John Bradley, Susan Edmonson, John Massey & Jim Schell

A traditional Bible study using "The Present Word" curriculum. Relevant, thought-provoking and stimulating, this class is appropriate for all levels of biblical knowledge.

Kerygma Study of the Parables, Room 232

Teachers: Beth Drescher & Mary Martin

Jesus was the master of the parable! Deceptively simple, these timeless stories were used by Jesus to bring new life to old ways. Kerygma classes will discover God's truth for today's dilemmas.

Soul Food, Room 234

Teachers: Jim Bryant, Denis DuBois, Hannah Esther & Alan Larson

Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living: Fellowship, study and discussion on a range of topics related to spirituality in our lives. The "Thoughtful Christian" curriculum provides the source material for this class.

FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 203

Teachers: Joanna Mangum & Emily Voigt

This class brings together parents and adults to learn and grow in their own faith and their ability to share that faith with their families.

Wednesdays

FEAST
WEDNESDAYS at ST. LUKE'S
For all

See p. 6 for details about Wednesday Night, "FEAST For All".

KNOW

The Basics

YOUTH

The ministry to the youth of St. Luke's is a VALUE-based youth ministry. There are 5 key Christian values we strive to embody through all our ministry. We need help in all these areas. If you have particular gifts for any of these we'd love the help. Each value drives particular programs in our ministry.

Welcoming: We affirm that everyone belongs to Christ. Therefore all belong at church. We will know each other by name as we make deep connections with one another.

Caring: We embrace and connect with each other by sharing all of who we are and by praying for each other.

Faith Growth: We seek to provide an environment where we all will learn and grow in faith, asking questions and figuring out God's call for who God wants us to be and what God wants us to do.

Love and Service: We serve other by stretching out to people in need, building relationships of compassion. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love one another. Love is patient, unconditional, uplifting, and selfless.

Administration: We will provide efficient, loving, and empowering training, organization, and support for all youth ministry at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.

Weekly e-mails will be sent out with all info. Please contact
philbrown@slpres.org

To find out the latest and greatest going on in Youth check the blog at:
www.stlukespres.blogspot.com

St. Luke's Youth Ministry welcomes all into a caring environment as we grow in faith to become active disciples through love and service.

Sundays

- ☐ **Sunday School:** 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Youth Rooms, Grades 6-12
- ☐ **Youth Choir:** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Choir Room
- ☐ **Youth Fellowship:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Great Hall and Youth Rooms **W.O.W.**
(Worship Our Way): October 17, November 21, December 12

Wednesdays



See p.6 for details about Wednesday Night, "FEAST For All".

KNOW

CHILDREN

Sundays

Sunday School, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery Friends

We welcome infants, little walkers, big walkers and twos. Our professional caregivers provide lots of smiles and age-appropriate activities as these little ones learn that church is a kind and caring place.

Godly Play

Designed especially for threes, fours, and fives, this imagination-driven preschool program begins each class with "I wonder...". We wonder (and learn) about Bible stories, parables, and Christian traditions through play with simple wood figures. We also love creating works of art and singing!

Faith Journey

For first through fifth graders, this adventure enables children to experience the same Bible story in different ways. We begin together at 9:30 a.m. in "The Attic" on the Great Hall stage, then we travel by age groups to storytelling, art, movies, science, and games. This fall we will be "Living God's Word" as we explore Respect, Honesty & Truthfulness, and Self-Control. Each of these Bible-based units will help our children see Christian values in everyday living.

During Worship

Child care is provided at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services for children through age three.

Faithful Friends is a worship preparation program for Pre-K and five-year-olds during our 11 a.m. service. These children begin worship with their families in the sanctuary, and then go to learn about the why's and how's of worship. Our Faithful Friends become familiar with the order of our service, the Lord's Prayer, the Gloria Patri, and the Doxology. They also experience their own "sermon" in the forms of a different Bible point and related project each week.

W.O.W.! (Worship Our Way) Service is for grades 1 through 12, usually on the third Sunday of the month during our 11 a.m. service. The children begin worship in the sanctuary and sit with their families until dismissed to the chapel, where they will continue with worship.

Acolyte Ministry is a way for children and youth (2nd to 8th grade) to be involved in the leadership of the 11 a.m. worship service. See p. 12 for more information.

Wednesdays



See p. 6 for details about Wednesday Night, "FEAST For All".

Special Events

Trunk-n-Treat is always a big hit with our church families! Join us on Wednesday, October 27 as we celebrate the sweetness of fall with costumes and candy. Parking in the Mt. Vernon lot begins at 4:45 p.m. and the trunk trek will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Chick-fil-A dinner in the Great Hall. Prizes will be award for costumes and trunk décor...so start thinking now!

Happy Birthday Jesus! Come celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with all the children in our church family on Sunday, December 5 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. We'll make Advent and Christmas crafts, play games, and of, course, eat birthday cake as we prepare our hearts for Christ's birth.

KNOW

St. Luke's Little Saints (SLLS) Preschool and Kindergarten

CHILDREN



St. Luke's Presbyterian Church offers your child a nurturing and loving environment in which to grow during our weekday Preschool and Kindergarten program. Located in Sheppard Hall, your Little Saint will enjoy learning through play in our Preschool. Our Kindergarten program embraces the playful spirit of children while preparing each child for academic success, with extended hours twice a week.

If your "Little Saint" is ready for a wonderful weekday experience, come join us! Please call to inquire about available space.

Preschool

Age: 12 months to 4 years

Hours: 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Kindergarten

Age: 5 years old by September 1st

Hours: Mon/Wed/Fri, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Tues/Thurs, 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten is accredited by SACS/AdvancED.

SLLS is a member of Georgia Preschool Association; GAYC (Georgia Association of Young Children); North Georgia Preschool Association; Metro Atlanta Preschool Directors' Group; and Preschool Directors' Network.

For more information or to make an appointment to tour the school, please contact Carol Perry, Director, at 770-393-1424 ext. 240, carolperry@slpres.org.

St. Luke's Little Saints - "Holiday Shopping Spree!"



**You are cordially invited to attend the
7th annual Holiday Shopping Spree
November 4th and 5th in The Great Hall**

All proceeds are used by the school to further the early childhood education of our Little Saints.

If you are interested in participating in the Holiday Shopping Spree as a vendor, please contact Carol Perry at carolperry@slpres.org

KNOW

ALL

Wednesdays ~ FEAST for ALL



Wednesday evenings are for everyone at St. Luke's. With dinner, fellowship and a wide-range of opportunities to know and share in the love of Christ. Complete information and class and dinner registration forms are available in the FEAST for ALL brochure found on the church website, www.slpres.org, and in the church lobby. Come and share the feast!

Dinner Details

Adult Dinner Details: Adult serving lines will be open from 5:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. during each FEAST Wednesday. Dinners may be reserved in advance for the entire semester (at a reduced price) or reserved for individual weeks through the pew card or by calling the church office (by noon on Monday).

Youth Dinner Details: Youth may reserve their meals through the advance reservation form or they may simply show up with their \$5 payment. Look for the youth table reserved in the Great Hall.

Kids Dinner Details: The kids' serving line opens at 6 p.m. on FEAST Wednesdays. Meals for children registered for classes may be reserved in advance for the entire semester (at a reduced price). Meals for children who are not enrolled in classes may be reserved through the pew cards or by calling the church office in advance (by Monday noon).

CHILDREN

FEAST for Children

Pre-K & Kindergarten (6:30 - 7:15 p.m.):

Wild Word: We'll explore an exciting Bible story each week through stories, songs, and easy crafts.

1st through 3rd Grade(6:30 - 7:15 p.m.):

How the Bible Came to Be: Using art, science, games, cooking, and movies, we'll discover the beginnings of the Bible as well as what's inside it! We'll also enjoy watching the first two episodes of a brand new and incredibly engaging series called "What's in the Bible?" (From Phil Vischer, creator of "Veggie Tales") This DVD series teaches children about some important Bible basics in a memorable and highly entertaining way.

4th through 5th Grade (6:30 - 7:15 p.m.):

The Adventures of Narnia: Our study of "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe" will spark the students' imaginations as well as their Christian faith.

YOUTH

FEAST for Youth

Youth Connection (6:30 - 7:15 p.m.):

Both Middle and High School youth will welcome a break in their week to hang out at church, reconnect with friends, and dive deeper into their day-to-day faith.

Music Opportunities:

Youth are always invited to join both the Festival Ringers and the Chancel Choir (see info on p.10).

KNOW

FEAST for Adults

ADULTS

Study Opportunities for Adults: Choose between the semester long Bible study option or one or both of the elective group topical studies. All studies meet from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Bible Study:

The Bible in 90 Days

Led by: Jason Whitener

Have you always wanted to read the Bible from cover to cover in a manageable time frame? Here's your chance! Join your St. Luke's family in feasting on the Word of God. Meets in the Chapel from September 22 – November 17.

Elective Studies:

Making Love Last a Lifetime

Led by: Ted & Mary Guarrant, Kevin & Margaret Ann Kennedy; Gordon & Ashley Owens; Mark & Kimey Reed; George & Amy Stewart

A small group study to help you grow in your relationship with your spouse so that you can experience all that God intends a marriage to be.

Meets in the Session Room (109) from September 22 - October 20

Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart

Led by: Stephen Ministers and Shannon Dill

Learn practical examples and specific suggestions about what to say or do—and what *not* to say or do when bringing Christ's loving care to hurting people when they need it most.

Meets in the Session Room (109) from November 3-17.

ALL

FEAST Advent Events for ALL

December 1 & 8: All ages will come together on two Wednesdays in December for a break in the "busy-ness" as we celebrate the coming birth of Christ together. After our shared meal, we will all get involved in an Advent service project on December 1 and enjoy an evening of Christmas fun and fellowship on December 8.

ALL

FEAST Music Ministry

Opportunities to participate in the choirs of St. Luke's are offered throughout the evening on Wednesdays. Please see p. 10 under "Music Ministry" for complete information.

KNOW

ADULTS

Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study Groups begin in the fall and meet weekly through the year.

- ◆ *Disciple One (Survey of the Bible)* led by Phil Brown & John Bradley
Tuesday, noon - 1:30 p.m. (bring your own lunch) (begins 9/21)
- ◆ *Mighty Acts of God* led by Candy Cox & Liz McCarty
Wednesday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. (begins 9/22)
- ◆ *Christian Believer* led by Paula Barbin, Tuesday evenings (This class is at capacity.)
- ◆ **NEW!** *Disciple Short Course Study (Introduction to the Old Testament)* led by Shannon Dill & Janey Hoag, Thursday, 9:30 - 11 a.m. (**runs 9/23 - 11/11**)

Contact Shannon Dill at shannondill@slpres.org for more information.

ADULTS

Presbyterian Women

A Welcome Note from Michelle Vail, Moderator of PW

Calling all women of St. Luke's! You are all invited to join Presbyterian Women. PW offers fellowship, Bible Study, and many outreach opportunities to help our church and others, locally and world-wide. We have three active Circles, meeting once a month (usually the second week of the month) in the Parlor on Monday morning and evening, and Tuesday morning. Child care is provided for the Monday morning Circle.

Our first meetings are: Circle 1 - Monday morning, Sept.13, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Night Circle, Monday, Sept.13, 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Circle 2 - Tuesday, Sept. 14, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Membership dues are \$50 (made out to "St. Luke's PW"). If you are already a PW member and are simply renewing, please send me an e-mail at michellev@bellsouth.net and let me know.

This year's study is "The Top Ten List for Christians," and offers a "contemporary Top Ten List of important things for Christians to remember as we make our way through life's journey."

PW will continue our service to the community with various outreach opportunities such as the annual Sandwich Project, Valentine Boxes, Santa Clause Express, Thornwell, and Chris Kids.

If you know of someone who would like to join PW, please spread the word that they are welcome!

~Michelle

Women's Retreat

Mark Your Calendar and join us for the 5th Annual Women's Retreat

"God's Love and Wonder"

March 18 – 20, 2011

Forrest Hills Resort Dahlonega, GA

Registration materials will be available in January, 2011

Should you have any questions, please contact Debi Elkins:

770-458-6415 or debi.elkins@att.net or Shannon Dill at the church office.

ADULTS

Men's Bible Study

Men's Friday A.M. Bible Study, 6:40 - 8 a.m., in the Parlor. We will be studying I,II & III John, Jude & Proverbs. All men are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dave Elkins at 770-458-6415 or d.elkins@att.net.

KNOW

Georgia Presbyterian Cursillo

ADULTS

Cursillo... "a short course in Christianity"
 Are you ready for the next step in your spiritual journey?
 Cursillo = His Love Endures Forever

Have you ever stopped to think about how long eternity lasts? One definition of eternity is, "time without end." In our hurried society, it is difficult to relate to the concept of time without end – time that endures forever. In our world of 4 minute microwave meals, there aren't very many things that endure forever. Psalm 136:1 says; "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever." According to the psalmist, God's love, His perfect love, His love for us --- ENDURES FOREVER!!!

Do you or someone you know need a touch of God's endless love? Try 72 hours of love without end.....3 Days Long, but it Lasts a Lifetime.....

Cursillo is intentionally led by the Spirit, divinely directed by God,
 and humbly served by fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Upcoming Weekend:

GPC #37 – March 30 - April 3, 2011 at Camp Pinnacle, Clayton, GA

Learn more about Presbyterian Cursillo at www.georgiapresbyteriancursillo.com or contact Debi or Dave Elkins at debi.elkins@att.net, d.elkins@att.net or 770-458-6415.

Marriage Matters Ministry

ADULTS

This ministry is supported by married couples who are dedicated to enriching their own marriages as well as other marriages in our community. Our goal is to "build better marriages, beginning with our own." This ministry offers a variety of activities, including the following:

Marriage Enrichment Group (MEG)

A small group meets on Sunday evenings in the Parlor from 5:15 - 7 p.m. monthly, from September to May. This group is open to church members and others in our community. The format is a simple supper followed by an activity designed to enrich each individual couple's relationship (September 19, October 10, November 21; not meeting in December).

"FEAST For All" Fall Elective (See more information on p. 6)

Beginning on September 22 for five weeks the new elective on Wednesday nights will be "Marking Love Last a Lifetime" by Adam Hamilton. Jason Whitener has led this study in his previous church and highly recommends it.

FINCH Class Sunday School Studies

This class has offered studies of books focusing on married couple relationships including "Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman and "Love & Respect" by Dr. Emerson Eggerich.

Better Marriages Getaway

SAVE THE DATE, February 11 - 13, 2011

"Real" Marriage in a "Reel" World at Winshape Retreat near Rome, GA. A fantastic getaway weekend for your marriage and a perfect Valentine's gift. For more information or to register go to bettermarriagesga.org.

For further information regarding any of the above, contact either:
 Kimey & Mark Reed at 770-394-3243 or kimeyreed@gmail.com
 Amy & George Stewart 770-668-9257 or stewartga@comcast.net

SHARE

Music Ministry

At St. Luke's everyone has an opportunity to participate in music. Choirs sing regularly in worship and for other special events in the church and community. Special music occurs in the Sanctuary, Chapel and at various social events. Groups of musicians present concerts and special events throughout the year. Consider how you may be called to "share" your gifts.

Wednesday evening rehearsals are held in conjunction with FEAST for ALL. See p. 6 for more information.

Wednesdays

CHILDREN

Cherub Choir, 5:30 - 6 p.m. (4 years to 1st grade) Room 203, rehearsals resume September 22. Directed by Kristy Whitener.

Westminster Choir, 5:15 - 6 p.m. (2nd-5th Grade) Choir Room, rehearsals resume September 22.

ADULTS

Festival Ringers, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Handbell Room, rehearsals resume August 25
The only prerequisite is the desire to learn. Music-reading skills as well as advanced bell techniques are taught. *Both youth and adults are welcome to join.*

Chancel Choir, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Choir Room
The choir is comprised of adults, young and old, who come together each week to prepare music for regular services, special concerts and events.

Sundays

YOUTH

Youth Choir, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (6th-12th Grade) Choir Room, rehearsals resume Sunday, September 12. Our newest and fastest growing choir sings several times a year in worship and enjoys learning about and expressing their faith through singing together.

Special Music

Members of St. Luke's are invited to share their musical gifts through instrumental solos and ensembles with the congregation in a variety of ways throughout the year. Please contact Clair Maxwell if you would like to learn more about how you can share your musical gifts.

Pipes, Pedals & Pizza

On Wednesday, September 15, 5 - 7 p.m., join us for this informative and engaging event for all ages interested in learning more about the pipe organs at St. Luke's. We will see a short video about the instrument, have a hands-on opportunity to play both our Chapel and Sanctuary organs, participate in an organ crawl to see how the organ is constructed, and, of course, eat PIZZA! Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board or contact the church office by Monday, September 13, so we will know who will be attending this unique event. This is co-sponsored by the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

SHARE

Celebrate the Arts at St. Luke's

ALL

The 2010-2011 **Sunday Afternoon Concert Series** offers a beautiful variety of music and musicians to inspire and engage the joy of music in us all.

- ♪ **Mamma Mia! (PG-13) - The Sing-a-Long, Friday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m.** Come sing-a-long and enjoy this wonderful musical shown outdoors in Hannaford Garden with light refreshments.
- ♪ **Gospels & Spirituals, Sunday, October 24 at 5 p.m.** Come hear the combined voices of our Chancel Choir and the Choral Guild of Atlanta perform the Gospel Mass by Dr. Robert Ray and several spirituals with soloists and an instrumental combo.
- ♪ **Premiere Brass Quintet, on Sunday, November 7 at 5 p.m.** Come experience exciting music for brass by Atlanta's newest brass ensemble.
- ♪ **Toys for Tots Benefit Concert, Sunday, December 5 at 5 p.m.** Participate in the season of giving with great style and joy. Be sure to bring a new toy to donate and hear choir, brass and handbell music presented by our choirs.
- ♪ **Service of Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 19 at 5 p.m.** Choirs and instruments present an annual tradition at St. Luke's. Celebrate with us the Nativity of Christ in scripture, song and candlelight during this holy season.

Friends of Music

Become a Friend of Music by financially supporting the Music Ministry here at St. Luke's:
 Friend (\$1-\$24) Supporter (\$25-\$99) Sponsor (\$100-\$499)
 Guarantor (\$500-\$999) Angel (\$1000 or more)

To find out more about the Music Ministry at St. Luke's, contact Clair Maxwell at clairmaxwell@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 227. You can also check out our webpage at www.slpres.org/music.asp.

Advent & Christmas Special Events

ALL

"Service of Comfort and Rest"

Sunday, December 12, 5 p.m. in the Chapel

For those who have experienced loss—through death, divorce, depression, and many other life challenges—and for those under stress during the holiday season who need a time of rest. With singing and Scripture reading, a homily and special music, this service invites those who attend to take comfort and rest. Hosted by the Stephen Ministry.

Live Nativity

Thursday, December 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the church yard

Bethlehem comes alive on the front lawn of St. Luke's. Bring the whole family and neighbors and friends to experience the magic of the Nativity. Watch for details or contact Mary Kent for more information and also to find how you can help.

Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 21, 6 - 8 p.m.

All ages are invited to join the fun as we share in song the wonderful message of Christmas with those who may be homebound or unable to get to church on this special evening.

SERVE

CHILDREN

Acolytes

YOUTH

Are you looking for a way to get your child more involved in the church? Is your child willing to fill one of the most important worship service leadership positions for St. Luke's during the 11 a.m. service? Does your child want to wear a cool red robe? Then being an acolyte is the spot for your child. The acolyte positions are: Bible Bearer/Water Bearer (2nd & 3rd grade), Candle Lighter (4th & 5th grade), Crucifer (5th & 6th grade), and Bell Ringer (7th & 8th grade). We would love to have your child be a part of this vital worship ministry.

We will hold a training session for all new and returning acolytes on September 12 following the 11 a.m. worship service. If you would like to sign your child up for the Fall/Winter acolyte schedule or for more information, please contact either Kay Loerch at kayloerch@sperduto.com/770-392-3562 or Jenny Cummiskey at jcummiskey@peachtreebenefitgroup.com/404-256-3562. Let us hear from you!

ADULTS

Stephen Ministry



Stephen ministry is a caring and listening ministry providing *confidential*, one-to-one Christian care to people facing difficulty. Men are assigned to male caregivers and women to female caregivers. Stephen Ministers benefit our pastors, our congregation and our community.

Stephen Ministry can provide care for people with different types of needs such as: unemployment, relocation, severe financial setback, living with a degenerative or chronic disease, empty nest, parent support of an adult child, divorce, caring for an elderly or ill family member, or following the death of a loved one. These are only a few examples.

Stephen Ministers are members of St. Luke's who receive fifty hours of training before they are commissioned and assigned care receivers. They participate in monthly group supervision and continuing education.

If you are experiencing difficult times and would like a Stephen Minister to help, please contact Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinators:

Rev. Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org/770-393-1424 ext. 229) or Laura Strange (jandlstrange@comcast.net/770-392-9284). If you have a friend in need, have the person call or obtain permission to inquire on their behalf.

"Good Grief!" A Seminar for Healing **Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Stephen Ministry invites you to be a part of this special event here at St. Luke's. Everyone will experience loss in their lifetime. Perhaps a loved one, friend, or coworker is dealing with grief. Maybe you are willing to share your personal experience to help others heal or perhaps you simply need understanding. Please invite friends and family to attend. Please RSVP to the church office (770-393-1424) by September 24.

"Service of Comfort and Rest" **Sunday, December 12, 5 p.m. in the Chapel**

Please see p. 11 for complete information.

SERVE

St. Luke's Perimeter Counseling Center

ALL

St. Luke's partners with the Care and Counseling Center of Georgia to provide the community with confidential counseling, pastoral care and education for individuals, couples and families at the Perimeter Counseling Center on the St. Luke's campus. Georgia Griffin, through CCCG, serves as the Pastoral Counselor in residence. The office is located near the Chapel with a private entrance. If you would like to know more, contact Georgia Griffin (404-636-1457 x 52) or one of the pastors.

Caring Opportunities through Deacon Care Teams

ALL

At St. Luke's, we believe that Congregational Care is a shared responsibility. Our church community is stronger when our pastors and staff, officers, and our entire membership is engaged together in caring for one another. We seek to achieve this through a variety of ministries, understanding that congregational care involves a wide range of circumstances, needs, and concerns.

Our Deacons each serve on teams that help to organize and implement a variety of caring ministries within our congregation which are described on the next three pages. Every member of St. Luke's is invited to be a part of the caring teams in ways that fit your gifts, talents and age ability. Please contact Susan Crawford (susanpc1@bellsouth.net) or Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org) for more information or you may contact the Deacon leader of a specific team whose contact information is listed below.

Loving Care Team

Friends, if you're looking for ways to love and help others within the congregation, then you may be interested in joining the Loving Care Team. Loving Care is one of six Diaconate Committees and Teams. It is comprised of three separate, but interconnected sub-teams: Intercessory Prayer, Meals and Helping Hands. If you would like to know more and be involved, contact Wayne Radloff at rwradloff@aol.com.

Prayer Ministry

Intercessory prayer is simply praying for other people. Everyone is called to some form of intercessory prayer. An intercessor is someone who is especially called and equipped by God through the Holy Spirit to spend time in earnest prayer for others. If this might be of interest to you, please contact Rev. Shannon Dill (770-393-1424 ext. 229) or Wayne Radloff (404-668-7647) to find out more about this important ministry.

Meal Ministry

Would you be willing to prepare and deliver a meal to congregational families who are dealing with significant life events (e.g., a loss, major surgery or the birth of a child)? If you feel called to do this, please contact Andrew Grinnell (678-602-0491). If you're in need of meal support, please contact your Deacon.

Helping Hands

This is a new attempt to match short term or emergent needs within the congregation with readily available resources. Could you assist someone in the congregation with your time and talent? Examples are setting up or assisting with a computer, driving a member to an appointment or meeting, or helping change light bulbs. If this might interest you, please contact Wayne Radloff (404-668-7647). If you have a need, please let your Deacon know and it will be forwarded to Helping Hands.

SERVE

ADULTS

Caring Opportunities (continued)

“Welcome to Worship” Team

This group shares Christ's love with each and every Sunday morning arrival by staffing greeters who offer warm smiles, friendly handshakes, and answers to questions about our church and its ministries. This group provides hospitality and an opportunity for fellowship by organizing continental breakfast each Sunday. Steve Vail heads this team. Questions? Contact Steve Vail at 770-395-6495 or stevevail@bellsouth.net.

Continental Breakfast

It's always great to share a Sunday morning breakfast treat with your friends at church! Each Sunday morning, special volunteers bring and set up a wonderful continental breakfast for us. You can help by signing up to bring the breakfast one Sunday. If you haven't done this before, it's an easy and great way to connect with old friends and make new ones. Everyone loves food! Reimbursement for providing the breakfast is available and encouraged - all we need is you to bring the yummys! Please consider helping us to keep this service going, and call either Mark McCann at 404-432-4034 or Todd Parker at (404) 964-0578 for more information and to volunteer.

Greeters

Do you have a warm smile and friendly handshake to offer guests and members as they enter St. Luke's? Then we have a spot for you as a greeter. Contact Tom McKinney at 770-396-3598 or mckinneyt@bellsouth.net. Come join our team!

Join Us

This group walks with individuals from their first visit to St. Luke's, to attending an Inquirers'/New Members' Class, then finally joining and becoming active members of the church. We provide loaves of fresh bread as welcome gifts for first-time guests at both Sunday worship services, communicate with each guest that we are delighted they chose to worship with us by sending information packets and recording subsequent visits, then meet with participants in the Inquirers'/New Members' Class. Connecting new members with the St. Luke's congregation, where together they will continue to know, serve and share Jesus Christ is our goal.

Bread for First Time Guests

If you would like to provide fresh bread for first time guests or be involved with any part of this ministry, please contact Mary Kent at 770-671-0645 or gkent4@aol.com. Brian Anderson (770-828-0398 or brian_m_anderson@hotmail.com) and Tom McGurk (770-804-0111 or tdmcgurk@yahoo.com) are also helping with this.

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Caring Opportunities (continued)

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Member Connections Team

This group's goal is to prayerfully create a visible, accessible and active resource for members of St. Luke's to connect with other members of the congregation through the process of introduction.

This committee is open to anyone from the congregation who would like to be involved. Our immediate goal is to connect deacons with their flock members through the use of active congregation members who know a lot of people and can arrange introductions. Another goal is to get as involved with new members as much as possible to get them connected to people and to activities within the church. This committee will work closely with other committees within the session and the diaconate such as the Commitment Committee and the Small Groups Committee. Our long-term goal is to be a resource to connect members on many different levels, whether they be church related, social, spiritual, practical (such as people who can fix things) or educational. Please contact Beth Eisenmesser at H: 770-399-9940, C: 404-295-6557 or beisenmesser@gmail.com.

Special Life Events

This group helps deacons respond to special events in members' lives; such as births, adoptions, baptisms, confirmations, and major anniversaries. Some of the things they are involved with:

- ◆ Recognizing births or adoptions with roses on the pulpit.
- ◆ Placing announcements of special life events in the bulletin.
- ◆ Coordinating the Red Rose Reception for new parents and their children.
- ◆ Coordinating the involvement of deacons in baptisms.

You are invited to contact Ginger Williams (770-451-8946 or gwilliams@oglethorpe.edu) or Ashley Owens (770-649-9320 or ashleysowens@yahoo.com) if you would like to become involved in this exciting ministry or if you have a special life event you would like to share with the church family.

Visiting Care Team & Homebound Communion

Are you unable to get out and about as easily as you used to? Does it cause you to miss the fellowship of your brothers and sisters in Christ? Might you or someone you know enjoy visits from friendly, smiling faces? Do you have a desire to go out and share time and companionship with others? Organized by the Diaconate, the Visiting Care Team provides fellowship, support, and opportunities for church involvement to members and friends who are unable to be present on the St. Luke's campus by organizing visits by team members. A subgroup of the Visiting Care Team schedules homebound communion by trained Elders and Deacons to supplement, not replace, homebound communion by the pastoral staff. If you are interested in being a part of this deeply rewarding ministry, please contact Jean Cronan at 770-630-8423 or cronan39@msn.com.

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Mission and Outreach

Local Outreach You Can Participate In On the St. Luke's Campus

R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out Through Crocheting & Knitting) is a group of men and women, young and old, of varying skill levels (absolute beginners to experts) that meets on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Parlor. We make prayer shawls, layette set for preemies, squares for blankets, and a variety of other outreach projects. Everyone is welcome!

Buy Some, Share One is St. Luke's ongoing food drive to support local organizations including Community Action Center, Interfaith Outreach Home and Six Star Refugee Program, which provide food to their participants. We ask that you make and keep a resolution that every time you go to the grocery store, you pick up one extra non-perishable item and put it in the carts in the lobby. These will be emptied periodically as needed.

Blood Drives St. Luke's participates in several blood drives during the year. There is always a need for folks to donate blood. It helps so many people! Contact Patsy Bradley (770-394-5383) if you plan to donate and don't forget to bring your I.D. **The next drive is scheduled for October 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Great Hall.**

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Local Outreach You Can Participate In Around the Community

Community Action Center (CAC) and St. Vincent de Paul are our local ministry partners who offer support to people in the Sandy Springs/Dunwoody/Chamblee communities in need of financial, food, or other relief assistance. St. Luke's supports the partners through ongoing support (food, clothing, and financial contributions). There are also many on-going opportunities for volunteers at **CAC** throughout the year.

Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH) provides transitional housing for homeless families. The parents have classes on the third Thursday of each month and St. Luke's provides and delivers a meal (August-May) for the families (approximately 10 adults and 15 children), on these occasions. Reimbursement is budgeted for these meals. We currently need meals for September 16 and November 18. If you or your group would like to help, please contact AI Bridges at 770-394-6581.

The Druid Hills Night Shelter provides transitional housing for up to thirty men who are employed or actively seeking work. Our guests receive dinner, a safe night's sleep, a shower and breakfast. St. Luke's partners with this ministry by providing meals (fourth Sunday of the month October-April), and by gifts of blankets, sheets, pillows and pillowcases, multi-vitamins, and laundry detergent. If you or your group would like to help, please contact AI Bridges at 770-394-6581.

Six Star Refugee Partnership provides housing and supportive services to refugee families during their transition to self-reliance and advocates on behalf of the refugee community. Recently we helped two families move out of Six Star housing into their own apartments. A third family is currently securing housing to relocate in September.

St. Luke's members serving on the Board of Directors are Kim Fadel, Bill Womack and Ellen Womack. St. Luke's members have helped by donating furniture, household items, and stocking the pantry for newly arriving families. There are also tutoring, computer assistance and mentoring opportunities. A new family will arrive this fall and we'll let you know how to get involved with this exciting outreach partner. To learn more, go to www.six-star-refugee.org or to volunteer, contact Ellen or Bill Womack (epwomack@bellsouth.net).

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Mission and Outreach Continued

Mission Trips This Fall

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Mountain T.O.P. is a life-changing experience for youth and adults that go to the Tennessee Mountains to work on building projects and programs for the children there. St. Luke's has even helped to stock a school library. Our next scheduled weeks for adults are **October 14-17 and October 28-31**. Please contact Ted Guerrant ASAP at atlguerrants@bellsouth.net or 770-455-9493, if you would like to go. Forms are available on the website (www.mountain-top.org).

Seasonal Outreach Opportunities

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Angel Tree Program offers an opportunity to partner with the Salvation Army to provide Christmas gifts for children, ages 1-12, of families in need. In mid-November, a tree is set up in the church lobby decorated with "angels" where you can "adopt an angel" and provide toys/clothing as Christmas gifts, bringing joy to these families/children.

Trinity Alternative Gift Market: During Advent season, members can purchase a gift for a loved one by making a financial donation to one of St. Luke's Outreach Partners. Gifts start at \$1, so both children and adults can participate. What a wonderful way to be a blessing to the giver and the receiver! (Starts December 5)

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple gift-filled shoe boxes and the good news of God's love. This is a simple, yet powerful way to share. Look for information in October.

Presbyterian Women is involved in many service projects including: making Chrismons "Christ Monogram" for the children of St. Luke's, providing gifts for children at Thornwell Home, collecting gifts for older adults through Santa Claus Express for Presbyterian Homes, and many other ways to give back. Please see p. 8 for more information about Presbyterian Women.

Presbytery Meeting Outreach Opportunity

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St. Luke's will host the Greater Atlanta Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, November 30. Many volunteers are needed to make this a wonderful event! Contact Faye Cashwell at fcashwell@bellsouth.net or 770-409-1960.

Scouts

CHILDREN

For more information on the St. Luke's Boy Scout Troop #764, contact Brian LaRose, Scout Master, at larose-brian@emc.com or see the troop website at www.troop764.org.

YOUTH

Annual Popcorn fundraiser will be held on Sunday, September 19, September 26 and October 3 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be microwave popcorn, caramel, cheese, chocolate, and a trail mix. In addition, they will be accepting donations to send popcorn to the troops. Prices range from \$10 to \$50. You may stop by a table in the church lobby or outside by the Scout Hut.

New Cub Scout Pack 764 is starting and you are invited to join

Boys from 1st through 5th grade are encouraged to join Cub Scout Pack 764 which will meet the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Scout Hut. If you have questions, please contact Cub Master Brian LaRose (770-350-9835) or Jason Whitener (jasonwhitener@slpres.org).

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Fellowship Groups

Young Adult Ministry

Breathing new life into this ministry is the goal for this year. We are looking for new ways of connecting us all together. If you would like to be part of this exciting new growth please let Phil Brown know.

During the year we still have much going on:

Service Opportunities include Habitat for Humanity, Men's Night Shelter, and Mountain T.O.P. to name a few.

Sunday School: adult classes abound or volunteer to teach little ones all the way to the high school classes.

Please join us whenever you can. For more information, contact Phil Brown at philbrown@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 238.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors)

Our regular meeting date is the fourth Tuesday of the month, but is subject to change. Hope you can join us!

- ◆ **Tuesday, September 28, starting at 11:30 for lunch** in the Great Hall.

Cost for lunch is \$7 per plate.

Program: City of Dunwoody Police Department will discuss Senior Awareness.

- ◆ **Tuesday, October 12 Apple Trip to Blue Ridge, GA, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

We will be traveling to Mercier's Apple House in Blue Ridge, GA, and we will have lunch at Pat's Country Kitchen. The cost is \$30 which covers the bus transportation and lunch. Space is limited so be sure to sign-up early. Your check is your reservation. Please make your checks payable to SLPC and send it to Melba Gay (265 Skyridge Drive, Atlanta, GA 30350-4539). Deadline for reservations is October 3.

- ◆ **Tuesday, November 16**

Cost for lunch is \$7 per person.

Program: St. Joseph Auxiliary Band. Their musical instruments are obsolete, but so much fun! There will be a sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board.

- ◆ **Saturday, December 11, 3:00 p.m., North Atlanta Christmas Festival**

The OWLS will gather for a powerful Christmas Program at Mount Pisgah UMC. Afterwards we will eat together at a local restaurant. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board or contact JC and Melba Gay at busanmel@comcast.net or 770-394-5093. Ticket deadline to reserve your seat is December 1st!

Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast (second Saturday of the month, August-May) is held at 8 a.m. in the Great Hall. To RSVP for any Men's breakfast, contact Daryl Moore at 678-441-6203 or ddmoore@yahoo.com. Upcoming Dates:

9/11 - "State of the Church" with St. Luke's Staff

10/9 - TBD; watch for details

11/13 - Visit with Dodd-Sterling UMC

12/11 - TBD (includes Toys for Tots drive)

Men's Golf Fellowship meets the third Saturday of the month (March-November) for golf and fellowship. Sign-up at st-lukes-golf@att.net and provide an e-mail address and your cell phone number. For more information, please contact Dave Elkins at 770-458-6415 or d.elkins@att.net. Fore!

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Fall Fellowship Events

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Supper Club, Saturday, September 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Groups of eight gather for dinner in a member's home to enjoy food and fellowship. See sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Church-Wide Luncheon, October 24, in conjunction with this year's Time & Talent Expo. See the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Chili Night at the Martins, Saturday, November 6, 6-9 p.m.

You don't have to bring anything! The cost is \$7 per person. Chili with all the fixings will be provided along with appetizers, drinks and desserts. Come join us at the home of Billy and Mary Martin for this annual event enjoyed by all. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the lobby or contact Mary at mary.martin@nsn.com or 770-441-0373. This is an adult only event.

Come join the fun in providing opportunities for our St. Luke's family to get to know each other and grow as a community of faith. We meet the second Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. It is a great way to meet new people! For more information contact Beth Underhill, at bunderhill01@hotmail.com.

Faith & Film Nights

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Faith & Film Night is an informal opportunity for adults of all ages to get together and explore their own faith through the lens of films, and the theological perspective and claims made within today's film culture.

The group meets the third Friday of each month. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the movie starts around 7:30 p.m., in the Youth Center, Room 207.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Josh and Cindy Nunez at cd_nunez@bellsouth.net or see the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board. If you would like to help with food, give them a call at 770-451-9545.

Upcoming movies:

9/17 – We Are Marshall

10/15 – The Green Mile

11/19 – Home for the Holidays

12/17– The Family Man

Health, Wellness, and Recreation

Flu Shots Coming in September - Every Thursday and also on Sunday, 9/19
More information to follow soon.

Life Line Preventative Health Screening - Thursday, October 21. You can reserve a time on-line at www.lifelinescreening.com or contact the church office for more info.

Tai Chi - Tuesday and Thursday, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m., contact church office (770-393-1424) for more information

Posture Perfect – Monday, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., \$5 per class. This class consists of gentle stretches and exercises designed to bring joint alignment to alleviate pain and maintain the body structural integrity.

Men's Pick-up Basketball – Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Just for fun and a little exercise! Schedule does vary during the year. Contact George Stewart (stewartga@comcast.net) for more info.

Job Seekers Support Group

“Jobs & Java”

This group of St. Luke's men and women meets every other Tuesday at noon at the Starbucks in Dunwoody Village for networking and support. For more information, please contact Louise Lewis (LewisLouise@bellsouth.net) or Jared Elliot (jared.elliott@att.net).

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Sunday mornings

**8:30 a.m. Worship
with Communion in
the Chapel**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday
school for all ages**

**11:00 a.m. Worship
service in the
Sanctuary**

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Elders

Steve Cashwell, Clerk of Session **Class of 2011:** Ken Barton, Jan Billions, Steve Cashwell, Doug Chipman, Steve Klein, Kay Loerch, Clarice Reid (Youth Elder), Bob Smallwood. **Class of 2012:** Bona Allen, John Bradley, Ted Guerrant, Ellie Moorhead, Julie Pile, Laura Strange, Beth Underhill. **Class of 2013:** Bob Crutchfield, Denis DuBois, David King, Bruce Jones, Nancy Moore, Jennifer Price, Mark Rogers.

Deacons

Susan Crawford, Moderator **Class of 2011:** Carol Ciepluch, Susan Crawford, Mark McCann, Janine McKenney, Lisa Meyers, Yvonne Miller, Josh Nunez, Ashley Owens, Ellen Womack. **Class of 2012:** Jean Cronan, Beth Eisenmesser, Andrew Grinnell, Glenda Gray, Mary Kent, Todd Parker, Wayne Radloff, Steve Vail, Ginger Williams. **Class of 2013:** Chris Alexander, Brian Anderson, Paula Barbin, Paul Clay, Leigh Ann Haertel, Tom McGurk, Tom McKinney, Kelly Sloan, Jennifer Wolfe.



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