



St. Luke's

Presbyterian Church

Window to the World

Summer 2011

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 Note from Jason

Dear Friends,

During the month of August you may notice some changes taking place in one section of the St. Luke's facility. The Adult Sunday School wing will be receiving a make-over, including new paint, carpet, and enhanced audiovisual capabilities in some of the rooms. In addition, two currently unoccupied rooms will be converted into one room to accommodate larger gatherings and classes.



It is anticipated that this work will be completed prior to September 11th, which is our Kick-off to the new year in Christian Education. I hope you will make your way through this wing of the church in the next several weeks to see the exciting changes, and I hope even more that you'll plan to make your way to this wing of the church on Sunday mornings as we seek to grow together as Christian disciples in our many wonderful Sunday School classes!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

In Christ's Love,

Send Off for Kelly & Mike

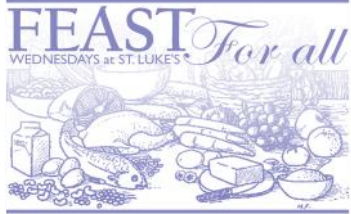


On Sunday, July 3rd, we celebrated Mike, Kelly and Emory's time with us! Kelly served in the position of Youth & Children's Intern for over two years. They will be sorely missed! If you would like to drop Kelly a note, here is their new address:

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Dunwoody 4th of July Parade





**FEAST For all: September 21-October 19,
November 2-November 16, November 30 & December 7**

The dinner line opens at 5:45 p.m. Please pick up a FEAST brochure and see all the cost options. Be sure to complete a form including dinner option. Remember that all FEAST classes run from 6:20 to 7:15 p.m.

FEAST For all ~ Adults

Study Opportunities for Adults: Choose between the Bible study option or the elective parenting study.

Bible Study:

Philippians

Led by Jason Whitener, in the Chapel
 "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." We will explore these wonderful verses of Scripture and many more as we spend eight weeks in Paul's thank you letter to the Philippians. This book is filled with expressions of joy and peace in the midst of life's challenges. Our readings and discussions are sure to strengthen our own trust in God's power and peace.

Elective Study:

Pro-Active Parenting

Led by Shannon Dill, in Room 203
 Pro-Active Parenting of children and teens involves planning ahead - not just our calendars and schedules that seem to dominate family life, but making a plan to live out your family's priorities and values while keeping our focus on God. We begin with the basics - finding your family's "North Star," writing a family mission statement together, balancing time and commitments, and keeping the family strong. Then we will address the "D-word!" That would be discipline. We will discuss how to develop reasonable boundaries, limits and consequences for our children at each stage of childhood development. And we will discuss parenting as a team and empowering our children for the future.

FEAST For all ~ Youth

Both Middle School 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. Middle School will be getting to know some famous people from the Old Testament. High School will be working through financial issues and faith using Dave Ramsey's youth curriculum, *Generation Change*.

FEAST For all ~ Children

Pre-K and Kindergarten (Now two separate classes.): Good News!

This age group will experience stories about Jesus that are so exciting they can't help but go out and share them! Using a different "headline" each week, we will investigate the story through art, songs, and games.

1st Through 3rd Grade: The Promised Land

Continuing with the wildly popular "What's in the Bible?" video series (by Phil Vischer of Veggie Tales fame), these children will be learning about the Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. In addition to the videos and related discussions, we will also be reinforcing the lessons with art, games, and more.

4th and 5th Grade: The Adventures of Narnia

Our exploration of "The Magician's Nephew" by C.S. Lewis is intertwined with some of our basic Christian beliefs and practices in this interactive and informative class.

Child Care: Children younger than Pre-K will enjoy church nursery time with toys, movies, books, and coloring sheets. The nursery is open from 5:15 p.m. until 7:20 p.m. each FEAST Wednesday.

FEAST For all ~ Special Events

November 30 & December 7: All ages will come together on two Wednesdays 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

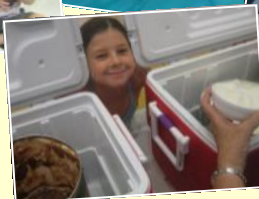
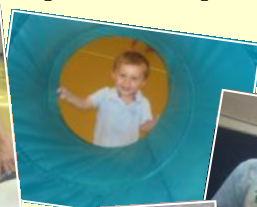
an Advent Service Project on November 30th where we will package food for STOP HUNGER NOW and then on December 7 we will enjoy an evening of Christmas fun and fellowship. Dinner for these two events is part of the 10-week fee or you can pay separately for each one by filling out a blue card and placing it in the offering plate or calling the church office (by Monday noon).

Registration forms are available in the main lobby or on the website (www.slpres.org). Registration opens early August and closes Sunday, September 18. Questions? Contact Liz Catlett (770-393-1424 ext. 236 or lizcatlett@slpres.org).

Summer Sundaes

While the summer temperature kept rising, members and friends of St. Luke's were keeping cool at Summer Sundaes! As we gathered in the Great Hall for refreshing ice cream sundaes, reinvigorating fellowship and fun, and rejuvenating devotional time focused on "water" themes in Scripture, we

were reminded how God uses the simplest of elements to restore our bodies, minds and souls! Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee for providing the sundae fixings and to everyone who helped with set up and clean up! See you next summer!
~ Shannon



Getting Ready for Christian Education Kickoff, September 11

Special Pre-Season Adult Sunday School on Sunday, August 21, Maria and Tony Barnhart will be with us in the Chapel from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tony is a renowned author, radio and TV personality. He and Maria have been active members of St. Luke's for over fifteen years. They will be sharing their Christian faith and values along with how important St. Luke's has been to their faith journey. Plan now to attend!



Sunday, September 11

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 11, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., for a pancake breakfast (cooked by our youth) 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!

Fall Sunday School classes for all ages officially begin Sunday, September 18.

Fall Adult Sunday School

Seasons of the Spirit, Room 235: This discussion class is biblically-based and follows the revised common Lectionary. The curriculum enables adults to study and consider the same Scriptures that are frequently used in the worship service.

The Present Word, Room 145/Parlor: A traditional Bible study using "The Present Word" curriculum. Upcoming studies will focus on Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. This class is appropriate for all levels of biblical knowledge.

Kerygma, Room 232: This class explores Scripture, Christian belief, and our faith with the goal of growing as Christian disciples.

FINCH (Families in Christ), Room 203: Jason and Kristy Whitener will be leading a seven-week study of "The Busy Family's Guide to Spirituality" by David Robinson. 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.

Soul Food, Room 234: Finding Sustenance for Faithful Living through 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.

ACT UP!

ACTUP! celebrated its fifth annual summer day camp during the last week of July. *The Jungle Book* was learned and performed, there were many beautiful art projects made, students' improvisation and music skills grew exponentially, and some of the children even learned to create their own dances. Whew!!! All that occurred in one week. While it was a whirlwind of fun activity, there was something even more meaningful unfolding before my eyes.



These 48 students learned:

- To work as a team in a high-pressure situation (now there's a skill to be carried into adulthood).
- That working hard to accomplish the impossible (a full fledged musical in one week) feels really good.
- That their voices and talents are valuable and appreciated (a sensation children may not feel often enough).
- To express their emotions in artistic forms is a healthier and often more enjoyable approach than aggression and angst toward others.



I always try to find one word at the end of ACTUP! camp week that summarizes the general impression of the whole experience. This year the word is BLESSING.

- What a blessing the Missoula Children's Theatre Tour Actor Directors were to our students. They were far and above the best MCT team I've ever seen in action.
- What a blessing these amazing children are to our community.
- What a blessing St. Luke's is in their sponsorship of ACTUP.
- What a blessing everyone is who helps make this happen; benefactors, volunteers, teachers, church staff, coordinators, students, audience members and especially the parents who support their children in artistic endeavors.



WOW!! The whole week was a blessing and a gift from God.

Thank You,

Glenda Gray



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 14th
Students, fill your own
backpack with school
supplies for the
Community Action
Center, then bring it
up for a special
blessing during 8:30 or
11:00 worship!



Children's Ministry

PandaMania Was a Wild One!

The Children's Ministries of St. Luke's hosted the largest VBS in our history this summer! Pandas – and children – were everywhere...with almost 200 students and well over 100 youth and adult volunteers. PandaMania was based on the comforting words of Psalm 129, so our preschoolers and younger elementary children learned that "God Made You" through the story of creation; "God Listens to You" through the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal; "God Watches Over You" through the story of Jonah and the Big Fish; and "God Gives Good Gifts" through the story of Hannah and her prayer for a baby.

Our older elementary kids traveled to different places in our community each day to provide smiles and service as they showed by example that "God is Wild About You." They sorted food and clothes at the Community Action Center, cleaned up the creek at the Dunwoody Nature Center, and interacted with children at Sheltering Arms Child Development Center. On the last evening this group spent the night at Zoo Atlanta, where they experienced "Panda Connections" and learned more about God's wild kingdom.

Our entire group collected enough school and household supplies for Mountain T.O.P. to fill a big tent! Our youth group transported and delivered the goods when they went to serve these people in need. VBS also raised \$125 from our Panda Picnic bake sale which was also sent to assist many people of Grundy County, Tennessee.

Many thanks to the volunteers who led, taught, sang, danced, organized, created, fed, cleaned, and kept smiling! Special appreciation goes to Kathie Chipman, Beth Collins Himes, and Krissy Williams for serving as our co-directors...they worked hard to make everything look easy. Vacation Bible School offers a unique opportunity to share our Christian love and faith with a great number of children from our church and the community. PandaMania may be gone, but its stories and lessons will continue to grow within each young heart.



Upcoming Dates to Mark on your Calendar!

Every Sunday Morning in August: Kids' Summer Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30.

Sunday, August 14, both services - Blessing of the Backpacks

Students, fill your backpack (or book bag) with school supplies for Community Action Center, then bring it up for a special blessing during the 8:30 or 11 a.m. worship service. You will empty the supplies into a cart during this time.

Wednesday, September 7 – **Orff Experience**

Sunday, September 11 – **Pancake Kickoff Breakfast!**

Wednesday, September 14 – **Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza!**

Sunday, September 18 – **First Day of Fall Sunday School!**

Wednesday, September 21 – **First Day of Cherub Choir, Westminster Choir, and FEAST For ALL!**

Little Saints Get "Saintly" in Chapel

Carol Perry, Director St. Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten

As part of their weekly curriculum, Little Saints ages 3 and older attend Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. The Kindergarteners serve as our Acolytes, processing in with The Bible, lighting the candles, and leading us in our very own Little Saints prayer. We recognize the birthdays of the week, emphasizing that God gave us all a special gift on the day they were born. The St. Luke's ministers, Miss Catherine Anne and sometimes Miss Jennie, bring us a kid-friendly sermon which is always meaningful and often entertaining. Families are invited to attend and share the sweet worship service with their child.

We invite you, too, to join us in the Chapel on Wednesday mornings



God is Good



God is Great



Who does He love?



The Little Saints!

Youth Connect



Summer of Knowing, Serving & Sharing

Have you missed us? We sure have missed you all. We have been away from church a lot this summer getting to know God better through our service and sharing in fellowship. It all started with a fantastic VBS week with fourth and fifth graders gathering each day to help a particular part of the city. We played with kids at Sheltering Arms, packed lunches at Community Action Center, cleaned Wild Cat Creek, and learned about God's creation staying overnight at the zoo.

The next week, high school and college students headed to Honduras to spend a week in the village of Tasajeras in the Olancho Valley. Honduras Outreach, Inc. once again did a fantastic job hosting us at their ranch and helping us connect with the amazing people of the valley. Together we poured concrete floors, completed latrines, put roofs on houses, taught vacation Bible school, and ran a health clinic. The busy week was filled with service and great laughter.

After a week honing our Spanish skills,

19 people headed to Mt TOP in central Tennessee to serve the people of Grundy County. Grundy County is consistently among the poorest counties in the country. On the Cumberland Plateau we worked on trailers, homes, and clearing out people's overgrown yards. We met people who are neighbors, but live in a different environment than us. Our group also spent the week providing a day camp for the kids of the county, giving many of them some of the only interaction they might receive for the entire summer. After each hard day of service we headed back to camp and enjoyed worship, food, and a little 9-Square with 130 of our favorite people from around the country sharing in a great week on The Mountain!

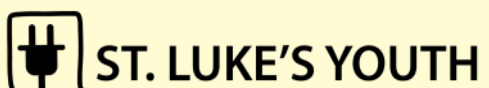
After a busy June, July was time for conferences. The middle schoolers headed to Massanetta Springs in Virginia for a week of fun, worship, and re-connecting with God. The high schoolers headed to Montreat for the first time in a few years for a youth conference with 1300 high

"I'm not sure it's possible to see the face of God in other people if you cannot see the faces they already have."

school students from around the country.

It was a great summer filled with special moments and life-changing experiences. God is at work in our youth. God has used them to change the world. They worked hard, played hard, and enjoyed what God was doing in this amazing world. Thank you everyone for your support through the Tartan Trot, your prayers, and your kind words, notes, and all the ways you support the youth of St. Luke's.

Once we get kicked off in the fall, life around church continues to be bountiful. Please check the Fall 2011 Connections publication for all the details about what's coming up this fall.



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Habitat for Humanity Build #15

A glorious and joy-filled day in the neighborhood! That's how we should think of the dedication ceremony that took place at the new home of Valory Crudup and her daughter, Teya, at 1742 Lanier Drive in Atlanta. And that is just the way it was for those who were able to be there. Words from Atlanta Habitat's Kathy Harber, St. Luke's Jason Whitener, Dodd-Sterling's Robert Melson, and House Leader Steve Niederfringer reinforced the goodness that comes from helping someone realize the dream of home ownership. Words from Valory and the joy in her face made it easy to see what it is all about. For the 15th time in partnership with Dodd-Sterling United Methodist Church and Atlanta Habitat, St. Luke's members and friends have made a difference. While the volunteers worked at the site, all St. Luke's members had a part in building Valory's new home. Many thanks to all for a job well done!

~ Daryl Moore



Honduras Outreach International

This is a reprint of the Minute for Mission given on June 19, by Maddie Dill, on behalf of the youth who traveled to Honduras.

If you could describe the past week in your life in one word, what would

that word be? For the 18 youth and adults who spent the week of June 11-18, at Ranch el Paraiso in Honduras, our week was described as: happiness, joy, smiles, love, friendship, community, family, trust, humility, teamwork, cooperation, a chain reaction of kindness, God among us, eye-opening, broadened horizons, powerful, fulfilling, and one person even said, "all of the above!"

We use those words to describe our trip but there was so much more that we can't even put into words. In the process of pouring concrete floors, constructing chimneys, building mud walls, offering medical care and playing with and teaching the children in the village of Tazajeras, we were given the indescribable gift of God's transcendent love in this world. We are grateful to you, the congregation, for your continued encouragement and support of us as we seek to be the people God wants us to be.



Mountain T.O.P.



A reflection from Hayley Wolfe and Samantha Holley upon their return from Mountain TOP.

My name is Hayley Wolfe and I, along with 19 other youth and adults from St. Luke's went to Grundy County, Tennessee to participate in a Tennessee Outreach Project with seven other churches from around the country. Our job was to help out families or individuals, who have very little, with service projects and day camp for the kids.

The most touching part of the service camp was not the physical part, but was the social and emotional part. Each day, we would sit down and talk with the families. We heard funny, sad, and sometimes tragic stories, each one just as touching as the next. One day, we talked with Terry Hastings and his wife Mary. Terry shared story after story of how he had been shot three times, had five heart attacks, six strokes, multiple seizures and four nails in his head. A garage had collapsed on him during the recent tornadoes and left him with a bone protruding out of his shoulder. He told us how he had a 40% chance of making it out of this surgery alive, but he was not afraid. He said that God had a plan and whatever happened, it was God's good will. It was stories like this that touched the hearts of so many. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to take part in this program. So, I want to thank all of you that donated to the Tartan Trot because without you, this experience may not have been possible. Thanks.

Constructores Para Cristo

Mexico Mission Trip

By Mary Frances and Mike Kitchens

A Kid's Perspective

I went to Mexico thinking that I was going to help a family, but it turned out that they ended up helping me. The house we built was made of cinder blocks and only had three rooms. While we were building the house, I kept thinking, "This is barely anything compared to what people in Georgia have." At the end of the week, my perspective changed. We had a dedication ceremony where we gave the family the keys to the house. The family was so excited, and the expressions on their faces were priceless. The people in Mexico do not have all of the things that we have; however, they are some of the most joyful people I have ever met. I learned that the house might not be much to me, but it means the world to them to have a home for their family. I think that by going on this trip, I have learned a lot and will look at things differently. I was so sad to leave the family, but I believe that they have a brighter future.

A Parent's Perspective

This was my second time on the Mexico Mission Trip. It had been 13 years since my first trip. There have been changes in my life during this time – not the least of which was having children. However, I found the Mexico Mission essentially the same. Constructores Para Cristo (CPC) is still there, doing what they do so well – building safe and comfortable homes for families in need and providing an incredibly rewarding experience for missionaries. I relived a lot of memories from my first trip. It's still HOT! You get up early, you work hard, and you return exhausted at the end of the day. But, that effort makes a hot shower, delicious food, and warm fellowship with teammates all the more enjoyable each evening. Oddly, it's kind of relaxing - at least mentally.

But, one thing was different for me this time. I was able to experience the trip through the eyes of my 11 year old daughter. The setting could not be more different than the life she knows in Atlanta. She did not miss a beat though, bonding with our St. Luke's Family members of all ages, as well as our Mexican Family, and hopefully with her Dad too. By week's end, we had built a house, and we had built relationships and memories that will last a lifetime.



Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference

Located at the foot of Shenandoah National Park, Massanetta Springs is a mountain retreat in the heart of the Smoky Mountains. Cool evenings and warm summer days welcomed almost 360 middle schoolers and adults to a week filled with amazing God moments. One participant describes the week as “an explosion of middle schoolers, excitement, new friendships, and learning about God and trusting Him.” An explosion indeed. Nothing but joy echoed through the valley and camp as the conference filled with thought provoking keynotes, group building energizers, and joyful songs raised to the glory of God.



As small groups, everyone traveled to workshops that helped each person explore the theme of “the I of the Storm.” In the workshops they did everything from ropes courses, canoeing, acting, crafts, learned a flash-mob, and even walked on water! “While we were at Massanetta, I learned how to have more trust in God in the ‘storms’ of life - like Peter when he walked on water.”



In addition to the participants from St. Luke’s our very own Sara Cronan and Phil Brown offered their leadership gifts to the conference for two weeks. Sara served as a counselor for two weeks and Phil lead all the recreation events. St. Luke’s represented Atlanta well.

In the midst of it all, great relationships were formed. Life-long friends were made and the world is a better place because people lived in community together. The church is blessed to have a place that loves middle schoolers as much as Massanetta does.



Montreat High School Conference

Montreat, North Carolina is a Presbyterian hub of activity. Each summer they host six weeks of youth conferences for high school students. Churches from around the country gather to celebrate being connected

through Christ. Each week over 1000 people flood into Montreat to worship, gather in small groups, and spend a week in the mountains. It was a week filled with life-changing moments for five youth and two adults of St. Luke’s.



“Can you imagine 1000 people lined up outside before worship just to ensure they get a good seat,” said junior Sara Cronan. The excitement for God, being Presbyterian, and connecting with each other filled the small mountain valley. Amazing things happen when the spirit moves like it did. Deep and meaningful conversation took place. “Montreat really helped solidify my faith. I remembered some things about life that I had forgotten were important,” said senior D.M. Mothershed. In the midst of a standstill traffic jam the youth heard there were deaths in the accident causing the jam. We circled up and prayed in the middle of the interstate for all those who were involved. It’s awesome what the Holy Spirit does in the lives of amazing teenagers.

A special thanks to Paula Barbin who traveled with the crew for a week. As a house parent she made sure we were fed and to bed. She did an amazing job and made the week even more special. Thanks to all of you who supported our trip through prayers and the Tartan Trot. We had an amazing time.



Music Ministry ~ Celebrate the Arts

Why Choir?

Did you know that singing in a choir...

- ♪ is a joyful experience.
- ♪ gives members the opportunity to take leadership roles in worship and the overall life of the church.
- ♪ enriches one's personal faith by regularly encountering scripture and hymn texts.
- ♪ builds a sense of responsibility and priorities (with regular attendance at rehearsals).
- ♪ teaches beneficial posture and breathing techniques.
- ♪ is therapeutic; rehearsals become a time when singers can put aside for awhile all other concerns of the day.
- ♪ provides the foundation for a lifelong enjoyment of music.

A healthy choir program for all ages...

- ♪ is a great catalyst for excitement and promotion within the church.
- ♪ is a tremendous source of outreach for the church, singing for hospitals, missions, retirement homes, churches and the community at large.
- ♪ Draws family and friends of the singers into the fellowship of the church.

Special Music Events

Orff Experience, Wednesday, September 7 from 5-7 p.m. Yvonne Miller is a certified instructor in the Orff method and teaches music at Dunwoody Elementary. All will learn something about music using the Orff principles of combining music, movement, drama and speech into lessons that are fun for all. Everyone will get a chance to participate, and the church's collection of wooden Orff xylophones of all sizes and types will be available for a hands-on experience. Come one and all for this fun event! (Be sure to bring your descant recorder with you.) Watch for the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board.

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza, Wednesday, September 14 at 5-7 p.m. Clair Maxwell will lead this informative and engaging event as all ages learn 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 12, 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.

Gifts were received to the Friends of Music Fund from Ellie Goodwin, Ken and Lucy Painter, and Ann Young.

A gift was received to the Friends of Music Fund in honor of Clair Maxwell, Jill Hudson, and Nancy Self from Jeff, Cailin and Valentina Thelen.

Gift of an Anthem

Consider giving the gift of a choir anthem to our music library in honor, memory or dedication of a special friend, family member or loved one. This is a very meaningful and enduring way to contribute to the church's music and worship life, enhance our music library, and express appreciation for the person or persons to whom the anthem would be dedicated. After choosing a particular anthem, the music would be ordered, each copy would be labeled with your dedication, and the piece would be sung in worship shortly thereafter and for many years to come. Contact Clair (clairmaxwell@slpres.org) to set this in motion.

Celebrate the Arts

William Pu in Concert on Sunday, September 24, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. William Pu, violin, Wooyoung Choi, piano, along with members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will perform the Piano Quintet in F Minor by Johannes Brahms.

THE KING AND I

The King and I is coming to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church and ACTUP! would love for you to be involved. We need men, women and children. There are singing and non-singing roles available. This is a church and community production of the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein's, *The King and I*. Rehearsals begin in early September and performances will be October 14, 15, and 16 and October 21 and 22. If you are interested in more information, please contact Glenda Gray at 770-880-8593 or heyauntgg@aol.com.

Music Ministry - Rehearsal Schedule

It is never too late to join a choir. There's a group for everyone, so plan to join us this fall!

Sundays

♪ 4:30-5:30 p.m. Youth Choir (Grades 6-12) *Resumes Sept. 18*

Wednesdays

♪ 5:00-5:45 p.m. Westminster Choir (Grades 2-5), Choir Room *Resumes Sept. 21*

♪ 5:15-5:45 p.m. Cherub Choir with Kristy Whitener (4 years through Grade 1), Room 203 *Resumes Sept. 21*

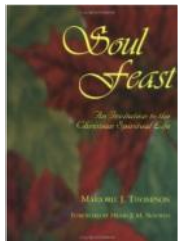
♪ 6:15-7:15 p.m. Festival Ringers (Adults), Bell Room *Resumes Sept. 21*

♪ 7:30-9:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Adults), Choir Room *Resumes August 24*

Questions about the Music Ministry/Choirs? Contact Clair Maxwell at clairmaxwell@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 227.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women are gearing up for another wonderful year of fellowship, Bible study and service. All women of St. Luke's are invited to join.



The book study this year will be, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie Thompson.

Circles begin Monday, September 12 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (child care provided), 7:30-9 p.m. or Tuesday, September 13 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

An information and registration table will be set up in the church lobby on Sunday, August 28, September 4 and September 11. Membership dues are \$50.

Questions? Contact Donna Mason, Moderator, at 770-698-9147 or donna.mason@me.com.

Inquirers' & New Members' Fall Class

Led by: Jason Whitener

Sunday Dates:

October 16 - November 20

Session Room #109

If you are interested in knowing more about St. Luke's and/or want to join the church and be part of this class, please contact Jason Whitener at 770-393-141-24 ext. 223 or jasonwhitener@slpres.org.

Blood Drive Update

Thanks to 19 of our members who gave blood on July 24, 57 people will be helped through your generosity. Next blood drive is October 2.

Men's Breakfast

Upcoming Events for Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. in the Great Hall

Saturday, August 13th

St. Luke's men - It's time for the kickoff of the 2011-2012 Mens Breakfast series! To get us started, St. Luke's own Tony Barnhart, College Football Hall of Famer, CBS College Sports Network host, accomplished blogger and author on all things football, will give us his always popular prognostications on the upcoming college football season. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors, break out your team's colors, and get your game face on! Join us at 8 AM on Saturday, August 13, in the Great Hall at St. Luke's for a great tailgate breakfast, warm fellowship, and the inside story on whose going to do what in the SEC, ACC, Big 10, Big East, Pac 10, Big 12, Mountain West, etc., all the way to the BCS.

Saturday, September 10th

Program will be the annual "State of the Church" with the staff. Watch for more details.

Questions? Contact Daryl Moore at 678-441-6203 or ddmoore@yahoo.com.



OWLS (55+)

In May, the OWLS had a wonderful excursion to the headquarters of Chick-fil-A

where they enjoyed touring the office of Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-fil-A, and learning about the history of this company. Chick-fil-A's purpose statement reads, "To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come in contact with our business." It was obvious to all that everyone they came in contact with reflected this purpose. If you have not taken the tour, it is well worth booking.

Over 30 of our Seniors enjoyed a delicious lunch at Alison's in Dunwoody on Sunday, June 12. It was a great way to finish off the program year. See you back on Tuesday, September 27 when we will kick off our new program year. Have a safe summer!



Welcome New Members

May 15, 2011 and July 10, 2011



David & Holly Feltovic

David and Holly Feltovic joined St. Luke's on May 15, by transfer of letter from Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Winter Park, FL. David is from Winter Park, FL and is self-employed. Holly is also from Winter Park, FL, and is a support specialist for a local law firm. They have two daughters, Katie who is in college at Perimeter and Alex who is a senior at North Springs High School. Their deacon is Jean Cronan.

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Krister & Lexi Romeyn
with Braxton

Krister & Lexi joined St. Luke's on May 15, by reaffirmation and transfer of letter from Galax First Presbyterian Church in Galax, Virginia, respectively. Krister is a Vice President with Wells Fargo Real Estate Funds and his hometown is Simsbury, CT. Lexi is an occupational therapist and her hometown is Galax, Virginia. They have a son, Braxton, 9 months old who was baptized on June 12. Their deacon is Todd Parker.

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Stephen & Lindsay Moss
Sydney & Hunter

Stephen and Lindsay joined St. Luke's on July 10, by transfer of letter from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA. Stephen is an attorney and his hometown is Alpharetta, GA. Lindsay is a stay-at-home Mom and her hometown is Jonesboro, GA. They have two children, Sydney and Hunter. Their deacon is Andrew Grinnell.

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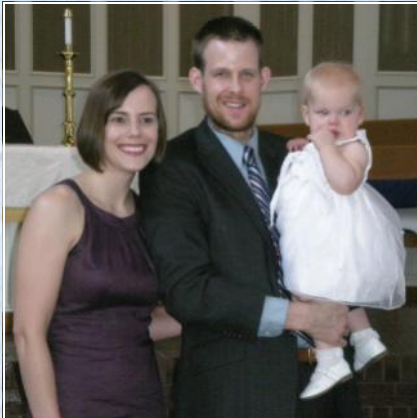
Richard & Debra Love

Richard and Debra joined St. Luke's on July 10, Richard by reaffirmation and Debra by transfer of letter from Clairmont Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA. Richard is a Sales Manager for Falken Tire Company and his hometown is Lancaster, SC. Debra is a housewife and her hometown is Orlando, FL. Their deacon is Diane Beidl.

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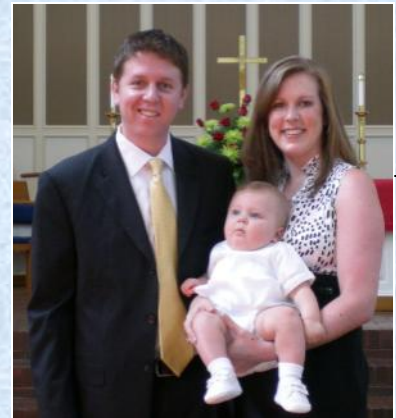
Baptisms



Kaitlyn Louise LaPorte, daughter of Justin and Kelci LaPorte, was baptized by Jason Whitener on Sunday, May 8.



James Randall Einarson and Carrie Ann Einarson, children of Robin and Brad Einarson, were baptized by Jason Whitener on Sunday, May 22.



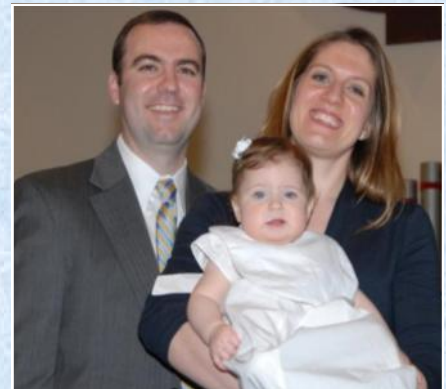
Braxton Daniel Romeyn, son of Krister and Lexi Romeyn, was baptized by Jason Whitener on Sunday, June 12.



Gray Thomas Martinson and Lillian Taylor Martinson, children of Blythe and Chris Martinson, were baptized by Jason Whitener on Sunday, May 15.



Christina Amend Buschman, daughter of Peggy Amend and Robert Buschman, was baptized by Jason Whitener on Sunday, May 29. She is standing with Elder Ellie Moorhead and Deacon Steve Vail.



Ciani (Cia) Louise Douglass, daughter of Jay and Stephanie Douglass, was baptized by Shannon Dill on Sunday, June 19.



Eliza Anne Thatcher, Mary Cassin Thatcher and Charles David Thatcher, children of Suzanne and Richard Thatcher were baptized by Jason Whitener on July 3.



Hunter Lansing Moss, son of Stephen and Lindsay Moss, was baptized by Jason Whitener on Sunday, July 24 at the 8:30 a.m. service. He has a Big Sister, Sydney.

Births



Miah Laxson

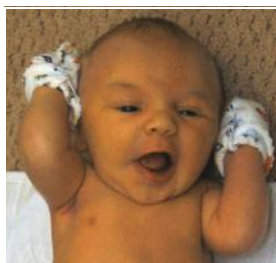
Miah Elizabeth Laxson, daughter of Jeremiah and Angela Cronan Laxson, was born on May 12 in Gainesville, GA. The proud grandmother is Jean Cronan and the proud Aunt is Sarah Cronan.

Logan Reid Hardy, son of Brent and Jennifer Hardy, was born on June 2. The proud grandparents are John and Annie Hardy. He has a Big Brother, Luke.



Michael Treusdell

Michael Knox Treusdell, son born to Michael and Mary Kathryn Truesdell, on June 26 in Huntsville, AL. He has a Big Sister, Lucy. The proud grandparents are Lucy and Ken Painter.



Jameson Lee

Jameson Gray Lee, son of Jason and Megan Lee, was born on July 9 in Marietta, GA. The proud grandparents are Steve and Ann Ewald and the proud Aunt and Uncle are Gwen and Matt Biggerstaff.

Wyatt Allen Fogarty, son of Lauren and Matthew Fogarty, was born on July 14 in Connecticut. He has a Big Brother, Thomas. The proud grandmother is June Price.

Tom McIntosh Elder, Class of 2014

Tom is filling the unexpired term of Ellie Moorhead who moved to Florida.

Occupation: Retired; engineer for Bell Laboratories/Lucent Technologies.

Been a member how long? 39 Years

What are some of the things you appreciate most about St. Luke's?

Traditional values and worship liturgy. Great "Church Family." Always available in time of joy and need.



In what areas have you served here at St. Luke's? Deacon, Elder, Building and Grounds, Outreach, Habitat for Humanity, Mountain T.O.P., CPC/Mexico, Honduras, AIR Guatemala, hurricane recovery.

What excites you the most about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for St. Luke's in the years to come? Influx of new members, particularly young families. Increase in energy levels in all programs. Outstanding Ministerial Staff in Jason, Shannon and Phil. Opportunities are unlimited!

Stephen Ministry

In addition to one-on-one care, we hosted several helpful seminars. One evening event was offered about those caring for loved ones experiencing Alzheimer's. We hosted a "Good Grief" seminar and most recently a two-night program "Packing Your Caring Toolbox" and a "Transitions" program about how to effectively deal with planned and unplanned changes that we all experience in everyday life.



On Sunday, June 26, Amy Stewart was commissioned as a Stephen Leader. She attended a week-long training seminar in St. Louis, MO. Amy has already received more than 50 hours of training to become a Stephen Minister and has participated in monthly continuing education classes as part of the Stephen Ministry program for the past three years. Amy is married to George Stewart. They have two grown married children, son Chip and his wife Sandra, and their daughter Ashley and son-in-law Gordon Owens, also church members. Visiting her two grandchildren, Emily and Luka is a cherished time for Amy, and she lists hobbies of reading and knitting as favorite pastimes. We welcome the expertise, experience, and enthusiasm she brings to the Ministry and the Leadership Team.

We invite you to learn more about us on the St. Luke's website (www.slpres.org). Or check out our bulletin board for additional information that can be found on the left wall just before you enter the Great Hall.

If you are experiencing difficult times and would like a Stephen Minister to help, please contact Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinators: Rev. Shannon Dill (770-393-1424 ext. 229 or shannondill@slpres.org) or Laura Strange (770-392-9284 or lstrange@rti.org).

Deaths

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15

We extend our sympathies and share our witness to the resurrection with the family and friends of:



- † **Mary Martin**, mother of Karen McAlarney, passed away on May 8 in Birmingham, AL.
- † **Phyllis Withrow**, mother of Donna Crutchfield, passed away on May 9 in Fayetteville, GA.
- † **Annie Jean Bazemore Jester**, mother of Sonny Jester, passed away on May 11 in Lilburn, GA.
- † **Mildred Cumming**, mother of Leslie Berry, passed away on June 8 in Houston, TX.
- † **Bromley Pope**, father of former member Vanessa Poston, passed away on May 27 in Wilmington, NC.
- † **Caroline Carl**, mother of Lindy Farley and grandmother of Lauren Black, passed away on June 15 in St. Louis, MO.
- † **Ben Kline**, past president and former professor at Columbia Theological Seminary, passed away on June 20.
- † **Joyce Parks Small**, sister-in-law of Sybil Small, passed away on July 6 in Charleston, SC.

Memorial Gifts

*A Memorial Gift was received to the Outreach Ministry of St. Luke's in memory of **Annie Jean Bazemore***

Jester by Jim Tysinger.

*A Memorial Gift was received to the Ministry of St. Luke's in memory of **Annie Jean Bazemore Jester*** by Andrea Price.

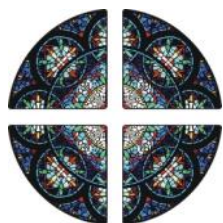
*A Memorial Gift was received to the Ministry of St. Luke's in memory of **Caroline Carl*** by Andrea Price.

*Memorial Gifts were received to the Music Ministry of St. Luke's in memory of **Caroline Carl*** by Ellie Goodwin, and Brid and Tricia Igleheart.



In Honor Of...

At her request a gift was received to the Youth Mission Miles Fund of St. Luke's in honor of Elizabeth Flatt upon her gradation from high school from Becky and Tom Loftis



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