Winter-Spring Connections 2011

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,

How will you spend 2011? Have any goals or aspirations popped into your mind these first few weeks of the new year? Maybe you're feeling the urge to deepen your faith and your level of involvement in the life of the church. If that's the case, I invite you to read on in this edition of Connections because I assure you, there is a place for you in all the many and various activities happening here at St. Luke's.

We'll be at the end of this year before we know it. I hope we'll all be able to look back in December of 2011 and realize how much stronger St. Luke's has been because of the faithful discipleship of ALL of our wonderful members!

In Christ's Love,

Jason

Scottish Heritage Sunday ~ January 30, 2011

On Sunday, January 30th, we will celebrate our Scottish heritage. We will have a lovely service in the Chapel at 8:30 a.m. followed at 11 a.m. with the St. Andrews Society as they lead off with the Parade of Tartans. The Atlanta Pipe Band will play for us and everyone is encouraged to dress in their Scottish attire. A reception will follow the 11 a.m. worship service. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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ADULTS — Small Group Ministry Launches Covenant Groups in 2011

What is a Covenant Group? Covenant groups provide an environment for individuals to connect with others, grow spiritually, and explore ways to share the love of Christ through serving others. Covenant groups limit the number of participants, usually between six and twelve, in order to focus on building trust, intimacy, and accountability between group members. These groups usually convene for a specific period before "opening" back up to welcome new members.

Why Participate in a Covenant Group? In a single word, the answer is connection. We are designed by God to be in relationships, not to live life independently. We need other people and they need us—for love, for help, for hope. We also need a place where we can put into practice the relevant truths that we learn from the Bible.

Are you Interested?
Questions? Contact Debi Elkins at 770-458-6415 or debi.elkins@att.net.

ADULTS — Christian Education ~ 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, I Corinthians: One in Christ, Room 232
Teachers: Beth Dresher & Mary Martin
This semester we will study First Corinthians, learning from the writer, Paul, how to "walk the talk." We will discover how having the mind of Christ affects the way we live.

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.

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

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YOUTH

The Basics

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 others by reaching 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 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

- **Confirmation Class starts January 16 through Easter (April 24)**
- **Youth Sunday: March 27 & Senior Recognition**

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Summer Youth Trips

- **Honduras:** June 11-18 (High School and College)
- **Mountain T.O.P.:** June 19-25 (Middle School and High School)
- **Mexico/CPC:** July 10-16 or July 17-23 (Intergenerational)
- **Massanetta Springs:** July 12-15 (Middle School Conference)
- **Montreat:** July 24-30 (High School Conference)

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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 winter we will continue "Living God's Word" as we explore "Self-Control" in January and "Friendship" in February. We will spend the month of March engaged in a special unit about the "Baptism of Jesus" and we will examine "The Lord's Supper" through the context of lent and Easter in April. In May we will wrap up the year with a fresh look at Pentecost and the early Christian church. 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 parent-led 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 whys and hows 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.

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Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt
Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 10th! Children of all ages will gather for our annual Easter Egg Hunt following our 11 a.m. worship service.

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

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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.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR

Registration for St. Luke's Members was January 18

Registration for currently enrolled families and new siblings was January 19

Registration for new community families was January 20

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.

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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).

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FEAST for Children

Pre-K & Kindergarten (6:30 - 7:15 p.m.):
God's Favorite Colors: We will use the beautiful colors of the rainbow to discover God's Word in great stories of the Bible.

1st through 3rd Grade (6:30 - 7:15 p.m.):
Dig Into the Bible: Through different fun activities each week we will learn how to find specific verses in the Bible and become familiar with the names of the books in the Old and New Testaments. Most importantly, we will learn that the Bible is the inspired word of God, written by people like us FOR people like us! Our learning will be enhanced by viewing new episodes from "What's in the Bible?" Part 2. This hilarious and informative series was quite popular in the fall, so we are thrilled to continue the series.

4th through 5th Grade (6:30 - 7:15 p.m.):
The Adventures of Narnia: We will continue with our study of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis, intertwining that imaginative tale with Christian beliefs and practices. Super Narnia Trivia will return at the end of the semester with fun and prizes for all.

Child Care: Children who are younger than four-year-old pre-K will enjoy nursery time with toys, movies, books and lots of love. The nursery is open from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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SPECIAL EVENT

Shrove Tuesday, March 8
Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will return on Tuesday, March 8! In addition to our delicious "breakfast for dinner" meal, we will also enjoy Mardi Gras games and crafts

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as we learn more about why this holiday is important to our faith. Adults may attend a special Lent preparation Bible study after dinner or they may choose to join in the games! This is a special stand-alone event that is not part of our regular FEAST for ALL dinner payment. Dinner reservation details will be coming soon.

FEAST for Youth

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).

FEAST for Adults

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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 January 19 - February 23.

Elective Studies:

Parenting For Good (January 19 - February 23)
Led by: Shannon Dill
Parents of all stages are invited to come together for dynamic conversation about what else - parenting - not how to survive, but how to thrive in what God has called us to do. No question is dumb, no story too embarrassing to share and learn from God's good grace!

Showing Others You Care in Crisis (March 2 & 16)
Caring for others in the midst of crisis is something we all face - and it isn't always easy or comfortable for us. This short course will give us a chance to talk about the "how to" of showing that you care to your friends in crisis which is a helpful skill for people of all ages.

FEAST LENT Events for ALL

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March 23 - Seder Passover Dinner Experience with Rabbi Scott Colbert
Join us in the Great Hall for a wonderful night with our friend, Rabbi Scott Colbert, as he helps us celebrate Passover! A wonderful remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt, Rabbi Colbert will help us understand and appreciate the tradition and symbols that are part of our story as well.

March 30 - Habitat for Humanity Service Night
We will kickoff the next St. Luke's Habitat Build #15 here at St. Luke's! There is something for everyone to do to be a part of this year's Habitat House!

FEAST Music Ministry

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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.

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Presbyterian Women

A Welcome Note from Michelle Vail, Moderator of PW

The Christmas season was off to a great start with our annual Christmas Dinner and Communion service. Kathie Chipman and Wendy Moreland transformed the Great Hall into a spectacular dining room with glowing candles and beautiful decorations which were hand made by several PW members. Our guest speaker was Sandi Wilmersherr who traveled from Fayette County to join us. The service was lovely with music and wonderful words. A special thank you goes to Mary Martin and Beth Collins Himes for the service. The Honorary Lifetime Membership award was presented to Susan Edmonson for all of her work on behalf of PW and St. Luke's.

PW has several events coming up in the next couple of months. We will have our annual Sandwich Project on Sunday, January 23, 2011, in which we will make 12,000 bologna and cheese sandwiches for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The Food Bank supports various homeless shelters throughout the metro Atlanta area.

In addition to the sandwich project, PW will also continue with Valentine Boxes for our college and in bound members. We will start collecting items in February. We will also continue our support of for Chris Kids in April with our Easter baskets.

PW's circle meetings are always the second Monday and Tuesday of the month. There are two circles on Monday and one on Tuesday. The Monday morning circle has childcare provided. It is never too late to join. This year's study is "Top Ten Reasons for Christian Living."

We will close our year with our annual Spring Gathering on May 2, 2011. This is a pot luck dinner held in Hannaford Gardens (weather permitting).

Please email if you have any questions, michellev@bellsouth.net

Peace,

Michelle

Women's Retreat

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

"No Matter What, God's Love and Wonder"
March 18 – 20, 2011
Forrest Hills Resort Dahlonega, GA

Registration materials now available in the church lobby or online at the church website.
Should you have any questions, please contact Debi Elkins:
770-458-6415 or debi.elkins@att.net or Shannon Dill at the church office.

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Men's Bible Study

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

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Georgia Presbyterian Cursillo

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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 Weekends in 2011:
GPC#37- March 31-April 3, GPC #38 - August 18-21 or GPC #39 - November 3-6

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

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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. We will be meeting the following Sundays: January 9, March 13, April 10 and May 1.

FINCH Class Sunday School Studies
This class has offered studies of books focusing on married couple relationships including the "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 at 770-668-9257 or stewartga@comcast.net

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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.

CHILDREN

Wednesdays

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

Westminster Choir, 5:15 - 6 p.m. (2nd-5th Grade) Choir Room.
Directed by Clair Maxwell.

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Festival Ringers, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Handbell Room
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.

YOUTH

Sundays

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

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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.

Celebrate the Arts at St. Luke's

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.

♫ **Sunday, January 30 at 5 p.m. ~ William Pu, Concertmaster of the ASO**
A native of Shanghai, China, William Pu is Associate Concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, in which he holds the endowed Charles McKenzie Taylor Chair. He and his wife, Amy Chang, a former violinist with the Houston Grand Opera and the Houston Ballet Orchestra, resides in Dunwoody with their two children, Wilson and Alex. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear both William and Amy play together as they present this concert as a gift to their community.

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Celebrate the Arts at St. Luke's Continues

- **Sunday, March 13 at 11 a.m. Worship ~ The Maryville College Chorus**
  The Concert Choir is an auditioned ensemble of 50 singers which performs choral literature of many styles. Emphasis is on musicality, education and appropriate historical style for an academic approach appropriate for the Liberal Arts setting of Maryville College. The choir will be leading us in music at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 13. They will begin an extended Prelude at 10:45 a.m. prior to the service. Come early and enjoy the music!

- **Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. ~ Wooster College Touring Choir**
  Join this energetic college chorus directed by Lisa Yozviak as they present their spring tour program in our Sanctuary. Take note of the special date and time and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with this well-known and accomplished group of singers.

- **Sunday, March 20 at 5 p.m. ~ Atlanta Balalaika Society Concert**
  The ABSO is the Southeast's premier purveyor of authentic Russian music and returns to St. Luke's. Come and enjoy the music and instruments as they present authentic folk selections that can be enjoyed by the whole family.

- **Sunday, April 17 at 6 p.m. ~ Chastain at St. Luke's**
  Back by popular demand, this concert by member musicians in the Bruce Jones Band and vocalists from the St. Luke's congregation is presented in the style of the Chastain Amphitheatre and is a delight for all ages. Bring your picnic supper, along with your friends, and come enjoy the program in our Hannaford Garden.

Special Lent & Holy Week Services - April 17-24

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 17, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service, April 21, 7 p.m.
Good Friday Service & Soup lunch following, April 22 at noon.
Easter Vigil Service, April 23, 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 24, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Friends of Music

Become a Friend of Music patron 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)

Contact Clair Maxwell for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

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Acolytes

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.

If you would like more information or would like to get your child involved, 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!

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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 Dr. 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.

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St. Luke's Perimeter Counseling Center

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.

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SOAP: Supporting Older Adults and the People who care for them

Every stage of life brings new challenges and members of the SOAP team are here with resources and experience to help answer questions like:

- What resources are available to help me care for my loved one at home?
- What should I look for in an assisted living facility?
- How do I get a break from my caregiving duties?
- What sort of planning can make it easier for loved ones to care for me if I get sick?

If you are an older adult or the caregiver of an aging parent or friend, the SOAP team invites you to think of us as you consider questions like those above. Or, if you have Older Adult or caregiving experience you are called to share with others, we invite you to join Jean Cronan, Ellie Goodwin, Dr. Laura Strange, Dr. Lou LaMotte, Mark Mason, Andrea Price, Rev. Shannon Dill and others on the SOAP team.

Caring Opportunities through Deacon Care Teams

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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.

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Caring Opportunities (continued)

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.

"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 yummies! 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)

ADULTS

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.

SERVE

ALL — 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 Drive April 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Great Hall
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.

ALL — Local Outreach You Can Participate In Around the Community

The Tartan Trot, 5k and 10k road races, serves as the Youth Ministry's major fundraiser. It is an amazing race! Check out www.TartanTrot.com for more information. Here's how you can help:

1. **Sponsorship:** Your family, your friends, your business, your friends business, your Laundromat, your coffee chop, whoever you know, ask them to sponsor. There are various levels available. Get creative, maybe they have a service they can give to help us offset some of our costs. About half of our proceeds come from sponsors. They are vital for us. Youth, please get 10 people registered for the race. The money goes right back to you. All of you who have sponsored so far, thank you! We have almost 90 sponsors! This is amazing! Forms are available in the lobby.
2. **Volunteer:** It takes about 140 people to make the race happen. Are you one of those people? Pre-race help, pre-race dinner help, and race day help is needed. Many jobs will allow you to still run if you would like.
3. **Pray:** Pray for the race, for the many hundreds of people who will come to our church, for the youth and adults who use this money to help others around the world. Pray for the organizations we partner with and the thousands of people they impact around the world. Pray for those in charge, for those who make many decisions for this event.
4. **Run/Walk:** Register today. Go online to www.TartanTrot.com, www.active.com, at Big Peach Running, or at church in person. Forms are available in the lobby.

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.

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Local Outreach (continued)

ADULTS

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. If you or your group would like to help, please contact Al Bridges at 770-394-6581. There is a sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board.

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 arrived in September and we are taking care of them.

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).

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 Al Bridges at 770-394-6581 or sign up on the lobby bulletin board.

Seasonal Outreach Opportunities

ADULTS

Habitat for Humanity Build #15 starts April 30th.
St. Luke's is once again partnering with Dodd-Sterling United Methodist Church to build our 15th Habitat House. We will work on the house for eight Saturdays. Everyone is invited to help. For more information contact Daryl Moore at ddmoore@yahoo.com. Watch for further details.

Youth Mission Trips This Summer

YOUTH

Honduras Outreach, June 11-18, Age: Completed 9th Grade through College, $800
We partner with a village for a week helping them with projects they need done, playing with kids, teaching VBS, and developing relationship with everyone. All skill levels are welcome. We stay at a working ranch operated by Honduras Outreach. No Spanish is necessary. (www.HOI.org)

Mountain T.O.P., June 19-25, Age: 13 (by camp) and up, Cost $200
It is a week at camp with 120 of your favorite new friends serving the rural Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. You can either work with building projects or day camp where you provide a week-long life-changing experience for the kids of this area. (www.mountain-top.org)

Mexico/CPC, July 10-16 or 17-23, Age: Middle School and up, Cost: Air Fare to San Antonio. Intergenerational trip for all ages. Families are encouraged to go together. We will build houses. (www.cpcmexico.org)

Manssanetta Springs, July 12-15, Completed grades 6-7 by June 2011, Cost: $160
Middle School only conference in Virginia that includes fun times, great worship, small groups, energizers, games and all-out good times. (www.massanettasprings.org)

Montreat, July 24-30, Age: Entering 9th-graduated 12th grades, Cost: around $180
High School only conference with about 1000+ others. We will stay in a house for a week of fun worship, small groups, and more fun. (www.montreat.org)

SERVE/SHARE

Scouts

YOUTH

Troop 764 has 53 boys registered. It is an active Troop with a number of spring and summer activities planned. Adam Nall is Eagle Scout #84 with two more getting ready to receive theirs, Chris Klappich and Chris Browning. There is a fundraiser planned later in the spring. Watch for details. 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.

CHILDREN

Cub Pack 764 is doing well with 28 boys registered. 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).

ADULTS

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.

ADULTS

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!

- **Thursday, January 27, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
  Program: Road trip to the Anne Frank Museum (free admission) in Sandy Springs with lunch at "The Brickery." Lunch is on you own.
- **Tuesday, February 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Great Hall**
  Cost for lunch is $7 per person.
  Program: The Matt Adler Entertainers with a one act play, "A Travelin' Troupe O' Seniors."
- **Sunday, February 27, 6 p.m.**
  Fix a meal and take it to the Druid Hills Night Shelter
- **Tuesday, March 22 , 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
  Cost for lunch is $7 per person.
  Program: Service project to assemble "reed crosses" for the congregation of St. Luke's to have on Palm Sunday.
- **Tuesday, April 26, Road Trip - times to be announced**
  Program: Tour of the Chik-fil-A Headquarters in Hapeville followed by lunch at the Dwarf House (the original restaurant). Learn a little more about a local company universally respected and admired for its Christian principles.

SHARE

- **Tuesday, May 24, 1 p.m. in the Great Hall**
  Program: The popular film "Young at Heart," about a group of Seniors learning that "you're never too old to rock." Music from James Brown to Coldplay. Popcorn and appropriate movie snacks will be available.
- **Sunday, June 12, following the 11 a.m. worship service**
  Annual end-of-program-year luncheon will be held at the Old Hickory House. Great opportunity to relax and enjoy good eats with good friends.

For more information about the O.W.L.S., please feel free to contact Claydene Dunlap (770-396-5861 or csdjed@bellsouth.net) or check the website (www.slpres.org).

Men's Ministry

ADULTS

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: **1/8** - Georgia Legislative Review; **2/12** - Kelly Fitzgerald & Meredith Loftis share their experience of God's call in their lives; **3/12** - TBD; **4/9** - Gathering with Dodd-Sterling & Habitat Build #15; **5/14** - TBD and served with Brid's famous strawberry shortcake!

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!

Fellowship Events

ALL

Sunday, January 30
Scottish Heritage Reception in the Great Hall following the 11 a.m. Worship Service
The congregation is asked to bring desserts or short bread to share.

Saturday, February 26, Family Open Gym, 9-11:30 a.m. & Supper Club that night (TBD)

March - TBD - Trivia Night at the church. Bill and Paula Barbin will host.
March 25 - Family Open Gym, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
March 27 - Youth Sunday with cookies and punch in Hannaford Garden.

April 10 - Church-wide luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt following 11 a.m. Worship Service.

May 22 - Church-wide Hot Dog Cookout on the grounds. Watch for details.

July - July 4th - Water Brigade for Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade.
TBD - Summer Sundaes

Faith & Film Nights

ADULTS

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:

1/21 – Temple Grandin **2/18 – Valentine's Day** **3/18 – RUST**
4/22 – The Pursuit of Happyness **5/20 - Millions**

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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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Health, Wellness, and Recreation ~ Adults

ANAD Support Group
The ANAD Support Group meets at St. Luke's on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m., in Room 212, and you can still join the group. This Eating Disorders Support Group is for youth, men and women struggling with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive overeating as well as families and friends wishing to be involved in the recovery process. This group will be co-facilitated by a registered dietician and a counselor who specializes in the treatment of eating disorders. Questions? Contact Page Love, RD, at 770-395-7331.

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 information.

New "Short Form" Tai Chi Class, Wednesdays & Fridays, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
Tai Chi is the art of using your inner body to move your external body, and preliminary evidence suggests that it may reduce stress, improve balance, flexibility and muscle strength, reduce falls, improve sleep quality, lower blood pressure, improve cardiovascular fitness, relieve chronic pain, and increase energy, endurance and agility. St. Luke's is happy to now offer a new "Short Form" Tai Chi class beginning in January. Class size is limited, so sign up early. The cost is $6.00 per class. For questions contact Sam Evans, instructor, at 404-375-6719 or to sign up, call Sally in the church office at 770-393-1424.

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.

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.elliot@att.net).

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