

ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY PUBLICATION

THE FLAME

From the Pastor's Pen:

First, I want to say again how much I and my family appreciate all that the St. Luke family has done to support us during the recent death of my mother. The cards, calls, food, personal expressions of condolences plus the appearance of so many at the funeral service has buoyed our spirits and encouraged us to remember God's wonderfully fulfilled promise that mom now has a "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (II Cor. 5:1) Thank you for your love and thoughtfulness. In this case, like so many before, you were the Body of Christ.

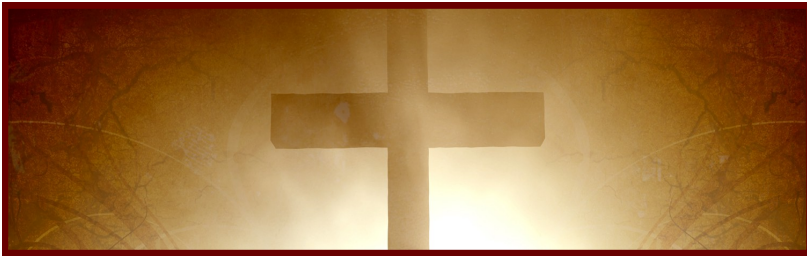
STEWARDSHIP MONTH

We have entered into our month of Stewardship emphasis in which we will focus on the five vows we take when we unite with the church. The series of sermons will be entitled "How Can We Love Him" and last Sunday I shared with you my thoughts on prayer and presence (church attendance). If you missed that message I hope you will take the time to listen to it on line. Go to the St. Luke website (stluke-umc.org), click on "media" and click again on "podcast." Over the next three Sundays I will be sharing with you my thoughts on service, witness and gifts.

On October 23 we will present to God our service and estimate of giving cards. You should receive these the week before so you will have adequate time to pray about how you will support St. Luke in 2012. I encourage you to sit down with your spouse and pray about this together so you can be of one mind about your level of stewardship. I also encourage you to "Catch Up and Step Up." "Catch Up" means that if you have fallen behind in your giving this year, please try to catch up before December 31. Currently we are about \$19,000 behind in our giving and you may remember that last year we adopted a bare-bones budget. Therefore, we have no wiggle room as we have entered into the fourth quarter of the fiscal year and we need for everyone to "Catch Up."

Also we need for all of the St. Luke family to "Step Up." Please examine your level of commitment to God through our church family. If you've not been praying for our church - "step up" and become a prayer warrior. If you've been lax or sporadic in your attendance this year, "step up" and be determined to make your presence at worship, study and fellowship (especially on Sunday morning) a priority each and every week for you and your family. If you feel led to serve in some capacity within the church (especially if you're not already serving), be it missions, youth, children, worship or some area of administration) step up and help build the kingdom of God with the talents God has given to you. If you've not witnessed to a non-Christian/non-churched friend or neighbor about the wonderful love of God step up, share your faith and bring them to church.

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And if you're not experiencing the joy of tithing (10% of what God gives you) step up and trust God that He will make 90% go further than what you are currently keeping for yourself.

"Catch Up and Step Up." It's more than a slogan. It's a plan that will grow you as a Christian, help others around you experience the grace of God and help the St. Luke congregation change our community for Jesus Christ. It's a plan that each of us can proudly be a part of.

"CATCH UP – STEP UP!!!"

Mike
Mike R.

Welcome to St. Luke!

New Members

August

Bill Dreis
Henry & Shelia Ingram
Susan Shockley

September

Garry & Kandi Wilson

Baptisms

August

Garry Wilson
Kayla McHugh

Births

August

Camdyn Patrick

Words of Thanks

*I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and concerns during Craig's surgery and recovery. He is doing much better now and hopefully on the road to a full recovery. He would like to say thanks to you for the prayer shawl. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to him. **Joyce Cave***

*Dear St. Luke Church, Thank you for the baby prayer shawl and knitted hat. Thank you Rev. Mike & Rev. Carolyn for visiting me and saying a prayer for Camdyn & I. Thank you. **Morgan & Camdyn***

August Memorials

Don Topp

Designated Fund:
General

Given By:
Jim & Nancy Menzia

Lavena Winfree

Designated Fund:
Children's Ministry

Given By:
Will & Hope Glover

Evelyn Wallace

Designated Fund:
General

Given By:
Robert Wallace

Dora Will Burleson

Designated Fund:
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Given By:
Bob & Gloria Baggett
Bill & Nancy May
Pat & Barrie Rommes
Welsey Memorial SS Class
Pat Widmer
Faye Reed
Gaye Kent
Edna Rigby
Mike & Kaye Angus
Kay Blake
Dave & Sylvia Timberlake

August Honorariums

Brenda Gleaton

Designated Fund:
Children's Ministry

Given By:
Donnie & Angie Fenn

September Memorials

Cielle S. Armstrong

Designated Fund:
General

Given By:
Cielle E. Armstrong

Joy Foxworth

Designated Fund:
General

Given By:
Lewe & Beth Cunningham

Sherry Glenn

Designated Fund:
General

Given By:
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Glenn

Mark Stone

Designated Fund:
General

Given By:
Wesley Memorial SS Class

Mary Elizabeth Roberts

Designated Fund:
General

Given By:
Bernice Roberts

Evelyn Wallace

Designated Fund:
General

Given By:
Robert Wallace

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Pastor Emeritus
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Bob Woodard
Certified Lay Minister
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Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Sat., October 15

St. Luke will be selling Grilled Chicken Dinner plates to benefit St. Luke Missions from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 15.

Dinner plates are \$7.00 each and includes: Southern-grilled chicken, roasted whole-kernel corn, creamy slaw, baked beans, roll & cookie.

You may place your order online on the St. Luke website. Last day to order is October 12. Thanks!



Undie Sunday

Sunday, October 30 will be our annual "Undie Sunday". We will collect new underwear and socks for WATERFRONT RESCUE MISSION and PUMCM, aka Joe's Place.

Helpful suggestions while shopping: men's underwear, T-shirts and tube socks; ladies under garments and socks, children's underwear and socks.

The drop box will be in the church gathering area October 30 or can be left in Room 8. Thank you and may God bless you for helping those who are less fortunate. Direct any questions to Bob or Peggy Woodard, 477-1475.

ST. LUKE 1ST ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011
8:30 a.m. TO 3:00 p.m.
St. Luke Sanctuary

"Expectations...of a Godly Kind"

Learning to Trust God More & Receive God's "Much More"

EXPECTATIONS is a spiritual event to inspire women to boldly believe that God's Love & Power can overcome human impossibilities and improbabilities. *Ephesians 3:20 and Matthew 6:28-30*

Primary Speaker: Irene A. Patti from Daring Daughters Ministry
Emcee/Host: Rev. Carolyn Nelson

A fun-filled day of spiritual inspiration, challenge & fellowship through solid scriptural teaching, real life "*I can relate to that*" stories, music, group activities, laughter, and good food. And also wonderful DOOR PRIZES & CHOCOLATE!! Open to women of all ages from St. Luke and the community. Nursery available.

REGISTRATION FEE includes refreshments, lunch & surprises!
\$15.00 by October 9 or \$18.00 after October 10 or at the door.
Checks & registration forms can be dropped off at the St. Luke office, in the offering plate or at the "Expectations" table in the church lobby. Mark checks with "Expectations."

You are also invited to send us a favorite picture of yourself to be used during the conference. We're not going to tell you why, but it's a nice surprise! Pictures can be emailed to Irene or placed in the red box on the Women's Conference table in the church lobby (be sure to include your name and address so that the photo can be returned).

Coffee & light refreshments will be served from 8:00 – 8:30 am.
CONTACT: Church office at 477-3145 or Irene A. Patti at 380-3095 or iapwords@bellsouth.net.

Save the Dates

Sun., Oct. 23

Stewardship
Celebration Dinner
Fellowship Hall

Wed., Nov. 2

Charge Conference
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Fri., Nov. 18 -
Sun., Nov. 20

Biblical Sexuality Seminar
Speaker: Dr. Bill Ury, Ph. D.

Please watch upcoming emails, publications and the St. Luke website for more information on these events.

Children's Ministry

Director of Children Ministries, Esther Felt

Transportation for Children's Choir Provided....

Elementary Drama & Children's Choir meets from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. every Wed. in the Choir Suite. For working parents, I will pick your child up from after-school care and you can meet us at the church at supper time.

Call or email me at 477-3145 or esther@stluke-umc.org to get your name on the list! Currently I am picking up from First City Gymnastics, Kiddie Korral, Lipscomb after-school care & Kid's Place.

Need a Ride?



Kids Night Out - Friday, October 21



Have a BLAST cooking with Mrs. Diane, playing games, watching a movie, and MORE! Kids Night Out is being provided and supervised by the St. Luke Peru Mission Team, and all proceeds will go to Peru Missions.

What: Cooking, Games, Movies, Fun!

When: Friday, October 21, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Who: Ages 6 weeks – 11 years

Where: St. Luke Fellowship Hall

Why: To have fun and raise money for Peru Missions!

Cost: One child - \$25; 2 siblings - \$40; 3 siblings - \$50; 4 siblings - \$60 (Supper & snack included)

To register, contact Esther at 477-3145, or at esther@stluke-umc.org to hold your spot. Payment is due the night of the event.

Save the Date! *A Night in Bethlehem* Friday, Dec. 9

Preparations are underway.....

please contact Sandra Jesse at 292-1539 for details.

SPLASH! Important Dates for October

SPLASH is our exciting Wednesday night children's ministry for age 3 – fifth grade. We are having a wonderful time learning about Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, which is a great follow up to Pastor Mike's sermon series on the same topic. The kids have been learning how God gives us directions by making homemade compasses, compass necklaces, compass cookies, and much more!

We have a great group of volunteers and would love to have you join us! For more information, contact Erika Burkett at 382-1104.

October 5

K/1st – Recreation,
2nd/3rd – Bible Story,
4th/5th – Chadder

October 12

Unload Pumpkin Truck –
No SPLASH!

October 19

K/1st – Bible Story,
2nd/3rd – Chadder,
4th/5th – Cooking

Oct. 26

Assembly in Sanctuary

St. Luke Pumpkin Patch Opens October 13

For those of you new to St. Luke, you are in for a treat with our annual pumpkin patch. We will be open from Thurs., October 13, through Mon., October 31. Patch hours are Mon. through Sat. from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Pumpkins range in price from \$.50 - \$50.00.

Unloading day will be Wednesday, October 12, at 5:00 p.m. Bring your wheelbarrows. There will be no SPLASH! or Youth Bible studies that night. The kids and youth will be helping to unload the truck.

Our profit for each of the past two years has been approx. \$4,500 to be split between children and youth ministries. This will be our 16th patch, and our best ever! The neatest thing about the patch is getting to know the families in the community who stop by to chat, take pictures, and buy a few pumpkins. What a great outreach!



Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to sell the pumpkins each day. Shifts are in 3 hour increments: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. At LEAST two people per shift are needed during the week and at least four people per shift on Saturdays and Sundays.

There is also a need for daily clean up in the patch. Each day requires many trips with the wheelbarrow to the back of the property to dispose rotting pumpkins in the mulch pile. If you can spare a few hours to come by and help us with this, it would be greatly appreciated! If you are willing to do this, please contact Jim Williamson at 473-9660.



**Join us on Saturday, October 29,
for our second annual TRUNK OR TREAT!
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on the grounds**

We will have our second annual TRUNK OR TREAT, Saturday, October 29, 4:00 p.m. -6:00 pm. We need your help by volunteering to bring your cars and trucks decorated for fun! Vehicle owners BE CREATIVE with your vehicle decorations, wear costumes and bring candy to pass out! Hot dogs and sausages will be sold and there will be an inflatable slide. If anyone has any questions, please contact Esther Felt at esther@stluke-umc.org or 477-3145.

Donations of extra candy would be greatly appreciated. Candy may be dropped off in the box outside of Room 12 in the Education Building!

Elementary Children's Choir to present "The Present is the Future" Wed., Dec. 7, 6:00 p.m.

Inspired by the classic board game Clue®, *The Present Is the Future* follows a group of kids as they navigate a house of mysteries to find the answer to a Christmas riddle presented to them by a mysterious host. Filled with outlandish characters, clever wordplays, campy satire, and fun songs, *The Present Is the Future* helps kids learn that their fears, desires, and insecurities are similar to those from Biblical times. They also begin to understand that by accepting the "present" of Jesus Christ they receive the gift of a hopeful future.

All kids in Grades K – 5 are invited to join us in the choir room on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m..



Youth Ministry

Director of Youth Ministries, Jeff Pement

Words of Appreciation

Thank you to our congregation for supporting our students in so many ways! Whether it was a car wash or a pint of blueberries, a word of encouragement or your prayers, we have been greatly blessed throughout the summer. Thanks so much! Jeff Pement

Welcome New Students!

Below is the Weekly Schedule for Students...

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m., Youth Center

During the 9:30 a.m. hour, students meet in one of three classes: 6th grade, 7th & 8th grade, and 9th - 12th grade, respectively. Leaders are Lauri Pipkin, Jeff Pement, Jason Strength.

At 10:45 a.m., there is one mixed class that meets for study. Leader is Darlene Henderson.

Our classes use quarterly curriculum from David C. Cook. This curriculum is reflective of our Wesleyan heritage and John Wesley's emphasis on personal holiness.

Sunday Afternoon Creative Ministries

These ministries offer students an opportunity to shine for Jesus and share their faith. Schedules may change somewhat as performance dates draw near. Check with leaders for more information regarding these ministries.

Sacred Dance (2nd -12th grade girls) meets from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Leaders are Mary Lee Pement and Paola Pearce.

Youth Drama meets from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Leader is Joni Ray

Youth Choir meets from 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Leader is Debbie Looney

Youth Fellowship takes place from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (supper) and the Youth Center. Leaders are Jeff Pement, Jason Strength, Lauri Pipkin, Candy Timberlake, Darlene Henderson.

Parent Group meets from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. While students meet for evening fellowship, a wonderful opportunity exists for parents to get together for study, reflection, and encouragement. This group will soon begin a new focus of study. Leader is Pam Levan.

Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

There is something for every age group at St. Luke each Wednesday night.

The youth (6th - 12th grade) meet from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a time of focused bible study. Students meet in one of three classes: 6th grade, 7th & 8th grade, and 9th - 12th grade, respectively. A variety of study series is presented throughout the course of the year, each designed to draw students to the Savior and to a greater understanding of what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Leaders are Lauri Pipkin, Candy Timberlake, Darlene Henderson, Wes Greeson, Jason Strength, Jeff Pement.



Upcoming Youth Activities and Events

October

12 – Pumpkins arrive; **no bible study on this night**. We will enjoy our annual unloading of the pumpkins and setting up of our Pumpkin Patch! Wear clothing that you can get dirty and sweaty in.

15 – Chicken Dinner Fundraiser - Youth are asked to be present to help where needed, 8:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead –

November

9 – Deposits for the January 27-29, 2012 Meltdown Retreat due: \$35.00 (Total Cost: \$120.00).

12 – Troy football game for high school students. There is no cost for tickets – sign up by Oct. 19.

27 – First Sunday in Advent/Hanging of the Greens Service with Chili Supper hosted by the Youth Ministry.

December

11 – Sacred Dancers perform in the morning. Youth Drama team performs at 6:30 p.m.

16 – Progressive Dinner Christmas Party (Last day of school for Esc. & Santa Rosa counties)

18 – No Youth Fellowship.

21 – No Bible Study

25 – Christmas day

28 – No Bible Study

January, 2012

2 – Back to School, Esc. & Santa Rosa counties.

15 – Order forms for Super Bowl Subs fundraiser will be distributed.

18 – Final payment for Meltdown Retreat due.

27, 28, & 29 – Meltdown Retreat on Panama City Beach. Cost is \$120.00. A deposit of \$35.00 is due by Wednesday, November 9. Remainder of payment will be due by January 18. Complete itinerary will be available at a later time.



The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) St. Luke UMC, Pensacola, FL

The SPRC is responsible for understanding the feelings and desires of the congregation and to support the pastors and other staff so that these people can work effectively in managing the ministry of your congregation for witness and service. We encourage feedback from the congregation of St Luke United Methodist Church to help us effectively direct decisions regarding the staff for our Church. Please make a point of commenting in writing to any or all of the SPRC members as well as making personal contacts.

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Be a Thanksgiving Blessing this Holiday Season!

St. Luke is a Business Partner with Ensley Elementary School. Each Thanksgiving, 25 of the neediest families are selected by the teachers and guidance counselor at Ensley Elementary School to receive food for the Thanksgiving meal and to help stock their pantry. The congregation purchases the food items and then helps to box up and deliver the food to Ensley Elementary School. The collection box will be in the Gathering Area each Sunday starting October 23 or the food items can be dropped off in the box in Room 8. See below for the food list.

For all of you non-shoppers, you can make a monetary donation payable to St. Luke UMC and mark it for **Feed-A-Family** and we will do the shopping for you.

More information will be in the bulletin starting Sunday, October 16.

Bob & Peggy Woodard, Ensley Business Partner Coordinators
477-1475



Food Donations Needed for Ensley Elementary School Thanksgiving Feed-A-Family

Bag Stuffing Mix*
Rice (2 lbs.)
Dried Beans (2 lbs.)
Granulated Sugar (5 lbs.)
Flour (5 lbs.)
Evaporated Milk
Chicken Broth
Box of Cereal*
Box of Oatmeal*
Pumpkin Pie Mix
Bag of Grits*
Saltine Crackers
Packages of Ramen Noodles
Juice*
Mayonnaise*
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Cookies*
Marshmallows
Tuna Helper
Hamburger Helper
Box of Raisins*
Canned Soups*
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Canned Corn
Canned Green Beans
Canned Green Peas

Pie Crust Mix
Canned Tuna
Spaghetti Noodles (2 lbs.)
Jar of Spaghetti Sauce*
Jar of Peanut Butter*
Jar of Jelly, Preserves or Jam*
Aluminum Roasting Pan
Aluminum Foil
Dinner Napkins
Brown Sugar
Boxes of Jell-O*

(*large or family size needed)

In addition to the above needed food items, monetary donations will be accepted to help purchase assorted perishable food items for each family.

Please notate your donation (cash envelope or your check made payable to St. Luke UMC) for **Feed-a-Family**.



“Just Give Me Jesus”

Irene A. Patti, **September 2011**
Daring Daughters Ministry • iapwords@bellsouth.net

I remember the moment as if it were a moment ago. It wasn't something I wanted to do, but I went because the Holy Spirit had so pricked my heart that I could not ignore the invitation. Yet, now, nearly ten years later, I see that God had beautifully arranged for me to be there so He could beautifully speak to me – and change my life. In that moment, at a women-only event called “Just Give Me Jesus”, in a stadium filled with nearly 10,000 God-loving women come to hear Anne Graham Lotz and Kay Arthur, I could not help but raise my eyes to heaven and praise Almighty God. I cried, along with so many women that day, because we experienced God's Love and Power in a way I would never have predicted.

That's my prayer for you too. That God so deeply, heavily, and beautifully invade your spirit that you cannot evade His gentle, quiet Voice. And God does speak, not necessarily audibly in His own voice – although He could if He chose to – but so often through the voices of His children. Unfortunately, too many of us have turned off our hearing aids and raised the volume on our televisions and techno-babble devices that we no longer hear Him speak.

And where is God calling you to go? For His daughters – the ladies of St. Luke and all your female friends, family and community – it is to a spiritual event that will knock your socks off! Ok, maybe not your socks, but at least touch your heart and hopefully change your life. On Saturday, October 22, God is issuing a heavenly invitation to His Daughters to come experience the unbelievable, the unimaginable and the chocolate-covered at a St. Luke women's conference event called “**Expectations...of a Godly Kind.**”

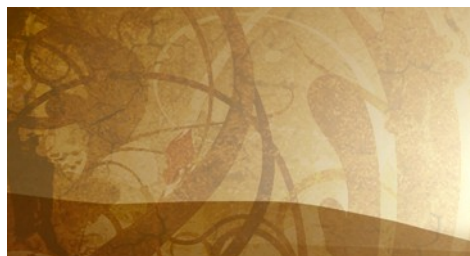
For almost a year now, a group of Jesus-loving women have been praying for YOU and praying for this conference. God wants YOU to come because He knows we often choose to expect too little of Him when He is able to do so much. His power is limitless, His love boundless, yet faulty assumptions, worldly influences and past experiences radically affect our expectations of Him and ourselves. We've become so attuned to the worldly world that we often overlook God's bounty and unconventionality in providing for us. But He is giving his daughters a million-dollar opportunity to awaken to what lies beyond our shallow human expectations. God is waiting – and excited -- to inspire us to boldly believe that His Love and Power CAN overcome human impossibilities and improbabilities. He longs for us to believe that He is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or dream or imagine. There is so much more waiting for us if only we choose to believe God and trust God.

So YOU are invited. Come hear stories and scriptures that will change your perspective, inspire your faith, make you smile and move you to believe that God is just waiting to do surprisingly wonderful and unimaginable things in your life. No matter who you are. No matter how old or young you are.

So, sisters, I invite you to join me on an adventure to the mountaintop. God is calling. The response lies in your hands. Do you want to experience God anew? Do you want to laugh and cry and experience wholeness? Want to fellowship with other women? Are you ready to receive love and refreshing --- and wonderful door prizes? Then respond in actionable faith to God's holy invitation and come October 22 to a place and event beyond your expectations!

Come, join Jesus -- join us as we experience God's Love and Power together.

If you want more information or to register for this women's event, check out the “**Expectations**” table in the church lobby or contact the St. Luke church office. If you want to speak to someone right away, just call me at 380-3095. Oh, and one more thing. No women's get-together would be complete without CHOCOLATE!! See you there sisters!





"Once Upon a Time"



Irene A. Patti, **October 2011**
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Once upon a time there was a great King in a great Kingdom. One day, as the King was standing on the highest place of His castle, He saw a woman in the distance working in the fields. The woman was bent over, covered in dirt. As the King watched, He noticed that she would often stop her toil to wipe her face and then, for just a moment, close her eyes and breathe deeply. The King, moved by her sadness and drudgery, called His Son, the Great Prince, to come see.

There, the Great King and the Great Prince determined they would save the woman in the field and bring her to live with them in their magnificent palace to love her and take care of her forever.

How beautiful the thought that God, our Great King, would so lovingly desire to rescue His subjects, but God desires to do more than release us from drudgery. His heart burns to give us bountiful blessings from His Kingdom. God did not rescue us from the fields just to see us burdened once again with fear and faults. When He calls us, He desires to bestow on us crowns of glory and life. (*"You have made them a little lower than angels, and crowned them with glory and honor."* Psalm 8:5)

Let the King be King and with all His might He will give good and gracious things to those who believe. (*"Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"* John 11:40).

There is no greater calling, no greater task at hand for us then to simply believe God is Who He says He is. God is God and we are not, yet this basic, elemental principal is at the core of most of our problems. You see, if we just stepped back, held fast and let God act – without trying to manipulate, analyze, predict and control things – then life would be simpler, easier and, believe it or not, a lot more rewarding. We would experience the peace that surpasses understanding, unspeakable joy regardless of circumstances and immense pleasure in waiting and watching for God's indomitable surprises. Alas, our human nature is NOT to trust or believe or let go.

There is a solution, though. Not an easy one, but a solution nonetheless. When things are difficult, look upward. When things are askew, look to God. When things are just a mess, don't complain and crab, speak honestly to the One who loves honesty. And guess what? God may not completely solve our problem, but our spirit and emotions will be a lot less aggravated.

That is the nature of the Christian walk. Ups and down, steps forward and back, doubts and faith, extreme moments of inexplicable awareness of His presence and down-in-the-dumps, forlorn times of displeasure. But, no matter what, we are loved. Immensely. Completely. Unconditionally. No other god except our God could or would accept and care for us with such enormity. What's even more amazing, more awe-inspiring is that God has a heaven crammed with great things for us. He just wants us to trust and believe.

Now is the day for that affirmation. Today we are given the chance to change the rest of our lives. You and I are invited to do that. How? For the ladies of St. Luke, it may be through a day spent in the company of Jesus and friends at our 1st Annual Woman's Conference on October 22. OK, so you've heard about the conference, thought about it and maybe sloughed it off as just another Saturday church event. Don't do that, I beg you. A group of committed women have been praying for YOU for almost a year. God knows who you are and He is lovingly calling – nudging – you to come experience something beyond your wildest dreams. Experience Jesus and you experience divine love. So, come and taste that God is good. (*"Taste and see that the Lord is good."* Psalm 34:8)



September Birthdays

Happy Belated Birthday! We hope your day was full of happiness that will follow you the whole year through!

September 1

Dave Woolwine
Susan Citron
Marie Marini
Kara Neel
Jessica Varner
Kelsey Atchley

September 2

Tony Atchley
Greg Davis

September 3

Peggy Orgusaar
Fleming Ross
Brenda Taylor
Lisha Smith
Taylor Maeda

September 4

Laura Stromgren
Jim Davis, Jr.

September 5

Louis Maygarden, Jr.
Betty Salter
Nancy Sherman
Dewey Thomas
Susan Brewster
Mya Cook

September 6

Frank Cave
Gloria McClure
Steve Mack
Gina Jones
Jillian Bratton
Matthew Geisert

September 7

Theresa White
Patricia Steffen
Beth Davis
Kay Manderscheid
Mark Braaten

September 8

Sandra Thompson
Mariah Bush

September 9

Davis Barnes
Theresa Houston
Ryan Graber
Preston Stokes
Maggie Pearce

September 10

Dennis Spahr
Harvey La Reau
George Hascall
Ann Felder
Mary Willis Bertram
Katie Barbee
Cortland Hatler

September 11

Pam Reeves
Virginia Cochran
Keith Marshall
Gabrielle Swanson

September 12

Aileen Mitter
Elizabeth Parker
Gene Bush
Wayne Jackson
Lee Pedicord

September 13

Melissa Dorsett
Mike Angus
Leann Nowak
Jamie Tait

September 14

Scotty Poyner
Lauren Nowak

September 15

Pauline Cobb
Hallie Rogers

September 16

Jerry Cox
Charles Sansom
Joe Schiller
Tom Ashton
Jim Mueller
George Harriott
Elisabeth Naig
Hunter (Jonathon) Kiker

September 17

Becky Cox
Gary Langhammer
David Pearce
Rhonda Moorhead
Kirsten Maire Conner

September 18

Alex Lohr
Dawn Looney

September 19

Joy Beasley
Deb Doney
Al Hampton, III
Bailee Johnson
Tyler Harriott

September 20

Carolyn Nelson
Pat Widmer
Polly Jones
Tom Reeves
Melissa Coots

September 21

Jerry Strength
Sandra Cook
Kim Moorhead
Jessie Mayo
Larry Adams, Jr.
Matt Urbanavage

September 22

Alan McCoy
Mike Haas
Ben Tisdale
Jonathon Levan

September 23

Marcia Tompkins
Donald Ray
Bill Foxworth, III

September 24

Margrette Barker
Linda Sherry
Mark Fricks
Josh Davis
Harlee Hendrix

September 25

Felicia Young
Dick Miller
James Hendricks
Will Hackmann

September 26

Leslie Ingram
Katie Haas
Ashlyn Greeson

September 27

Bill Jones
Carol Tucker
Cyndi McElligott
Sandy Urbanavage
Joshua Close
Kelly Lohr-Clark
Brooke Hierholzer

September 28

Charlene Padgett
Patt Holt
Mary Lou Garrett
Lenette Smith
Jody Edgar
Brody Zaremba

September 29

Karen Lenzo
Deborah Douma
Jake Junot, Jr.

September 30

Belinda Ashley
Karen Mick
Janet Sauls
Sandra Jesse
Elizabeth Prevatte
Samantha Riley



Happy Birthday

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October Birthdays

Happy Birthday! May your day be filled with joy and happiness that will follow you the whole year through!

October 1

Cheryl Williams
Jenn Graber
Jaydon McClure

October 2

Mike Roberts
Barbara Brooks
Jody Nielsen
Norman Smith
Alex McCrory

October 3

Andy Bartlett
Dylan Miller

October 4

Sherry Vincent
Nan McQuagge

October 5

Greg Stone
David Stanford
Kaitlyn Wilks

October 6

Charlie Wentz
Paul Isiminger
Sarah Boles

October 7

Jan Cook

October 8

Robin Wright
Kevin Hatler
Brian Brewster

October 9

Marshall Garrett, III
Liz Samojedny
Amy Warrington
Shane Warrington
Elisabeth Wright

October 10

John Reading, Sr.
Bob Saxon
Bonnie Piatt
Kaye Angus

October 11

Teresa Fairbanks
Barbara Geisert
Steven Davis

October 12

Alex McCrory
Elaine Smith
Charles Piatt

October 13

Vic Olsen
Margie Thomas
Joe Roache
Chris Levan
Molly Ambrose
Kyleigh Miller
Alison Riley

October 14

Jerry Bradley
Betty Woolam
Faye Lisk
Sheila Ingram
Laurie Poyner
Becky Atchley
Jennifer Dickens
Sarah Timberlake
Matthew Erskine

October 15

Gaye Kent
Faye Reed
Conner Mayo

October 16

Barbara Gambill
Harper Davis
Cooper Halter

October 17

Judy Kent
Susan Sears
Laurie Bedford
Mylesa Weatherford
Meagan Salter
Evan Stojak

October 18

Will Glover
Tina Salter
Amanda Cunningham
Joshua Browne

October 19

Patty Poythress
Stacey Blackwell
Samantha Dorsett
Corey Williams

October 20

Jill Le Dew

October 21

LaRue Holtzclaw
Judy Yort
Reed Raulston
Tanya Young
Michael Stojak
Alexander Styer

October 22

Ricky Potter
Sarah Smiley
Campbell Ross

October 23

Neil Jernigan, Jr.
Camille Ashton
Brad Willits
Russell Badders

October 24

Diane Palermo
Stephen McCrory
Martin Atkins
Sidney Stojak

October 25

Debbie Reak
Tina Stojak
Jaclyn Ralph
Seth Fricks

October 26

Pat Frantz
Jeanne Orach
Abigail Davis

October 27

Barbara Patrick
Debbie Bush
Doug Cowart
Vincent Lentini
Kristina Fitzpatrick
Sera Close
Gabriel Lawson

October 28

Donna Jackson
Renea Norwick

October 29

Jack Pearce

October 30

Wanda Murray
Shirley Schroyer
Jennifer Close
Aaron Naig
Alexa Atchley

October 31

Ola Ware
Irene Patti
Mike Bates
Madison Atwood



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 Sheena Taylor.....Nursery Coordinator
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 Ted Thomas, Jr.....Maintenance Technician
 Don Williams.....Custodian
 Diane Fitzpatrick....Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Coordinator



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:30 a.m. & 10: 45 a.m.
(Education Building/Youth Center)

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