

CONDOLENCES

St. Luke disciples offer our sympathy and prayers to **David Fletcher** and family on the death of his wife, **Charlene**, who died on Monday, September 30, 2024 in Hartsville.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Nancy Caffee, Ann Crowley (friend of **Ed & Suzie Yarborough**), **Don Gore** (recovering from hip surgery), Henry King (cousin of **Lee Gardner**, diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer), **Lee Lanier** (spinal infection), Jessie Lewis (friend of **Karen Jeffords**), War in Israel, Pray for USA

**** If your prayer need is resolved, or if a name needs to be removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 843-383-5169 or office@stlukehartsville.com. We will keep all prayer requests in the Newsletter for one month. After that, they will be removed unless you tell us otherwise.**



Collection of Coats and Blankets

We are collecting coats and blankets (new or gently used) for our NC neighbors who are suffering from the devastation of Hurricane Helene. St. Luke Disciple Carmon Vincent will transport these items for distribution to those in need. Please bring items to the office by Monday, October 14th. Thank you for your generosity!



YOUR GIVING AT WORK...

St Luke supports the Jeremiah 29:11 Mission in Santa Cruz, Honduras as occasional needs and projects arise. A team with members from St. Luke and a Church in Georgia usually travel to the mission once or twice a year to complete projects and be disciples.

The Mission's goal is to share the Good News and give Hope. The Mission is home to around 50 children that have lost one or both parents, and/or live in poverty in the mountains of Honduras far from schools. The first priority of Jeremiah 29:11 is to introduce the children to God and teach them about His love.

The second priority is to have the children enrolled in school and receive an education. Approximately 23 of the students have sponsors and attend a school where they are taught English and regular course work. These students must be willing to commit to completing the work assignments at school because it is a much more rigorous program than the public Honduran schools. The students who are unwilling to make the commitment for the English-speaking school attend the Honduran school system. An education in Honduras from either school provides the graduates with much better opportunities for their futures. Students who graduate from the English-speaking school have many more job and career choices.

After graduation from high school, many of the children are encouraged to obtain training in a career field so they can work and give back to their community as adults. The Mission provides the children the opportunity to learn about being involved in a Christian environment and the importance of an education. This helps the students avoid looking for belonging and involvement in local gangs. Recently, the mission has also become a home for several special needs children and adults that would otherwise not have a home. The Mission provides some in-house physical and occupational therapy for these residents and some are taken to medical facilities for therapy as transportation and money is available.

The St. Luke Evangelism Team is sponsoring an **Advent Devotion Booklet** for members of St. Luke and our community this year. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please use the following guidelines to write your devotion (Theme for 2024 is "Christmas is...") and submit it to Pastor Todd (pastor@stlukehartsville.com) **no later than November 1, 2024**. Art work by children and youth (please send .jpeg photo) are welcome using the theme "Christmas is...".

Writers' Guidelines:

1. Write your devotion based on the theme "Christmas is...".
2. Include a Scripture reference with your devotion.
3. Devotion should be less than 300 words. A strong devotion will include a personal story, a connection to scripture, and a way for the reader to apply the message to his or her own life.
4. Include a short prayer to close your devotion.
5. For an example of a strong devotion, visit The Upper Room.
6. Submit devotion to Pastor Todd by email no later than Nov. 1, 2024 (pastor@stlukehartsville.com).
7. Questions??? Contact Pastor Todd by phone or email.



St Luke
Methodist Church

October 10, 2024

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:30 AM—4:00 PM

The deadline for submitting information for the St. Luke Newsletter is the 1st and 3rd Monday's at Noon

If you have a Pastoral Care emergency outside of regular church office hours, please email Pastor Todd at: pastor@stlukehartsville.com

GOOD NEWS

Dear St. Luke Disciples,

Your Stewardship Team's mission is to help the disciples of St. Luke to develop strong disciplines of Christian Stewardship within SLMC, including a focus on prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This team assists our disciples in helping to determine their spiritual gifts, abilities, talents, and interests & helps to guide our disciples in finding ways to serve the church using their gifts.

This team is also responsible for the annual financial stewardship campaign in the fall each year to help prepare for the upcoming year's ministry budget.

During the month of October, members of our Stewardship team will bring us a "Stewardship Moment" in worship, asking us to begin to prayerfully considering our pledge of financial support for St. Luke's 2025 Ministry Budget.

Sunday, October 27, 2024 is our Stewardship Celebration Sunday! We have a wonderful service of worship planned, which will include an opportunity for you to make a "faith promise" to God of your generosity in THANKSGIVING for all of God's blessings in your life. During worship, you will be invited to fill out your 2025 annual budget pledge card (confidential envelope included). You will also have the opportunity to bring your pledge forward, dedicating it to God by leaving it on the Communion table.

Our celebration will include a **Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall** following worship. Meat and Drinks will be provided, and you are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We need a head count for meat, so **please RSVP to the church office ASAP** – office@stlukehartsville.com or 843-383-5169.

Please make every effort to attend this very important WORSHIP service. To help you prayerfully consider your pledge, below are a few verses from Scripture about giving:

2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each person should give what he/she has decided in his/her heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD loves a cheerful giver.

Proverbs 22:9 - The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Deuteronomy 16:17 - Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your GOD has blessed you.

We have so much to be thankful for at St. Luke! Let's show God just how THANKFUL we are by our generous giving to our GREAT church! Sincerely Yours in Christ, Pastor Todd



October

- 12 Scott Jackson
- 13 Erin Kelley
John Moyd
Jayden Murdock
Pee Wee Newsome
Maggie Reed Hopkins
- 15 Kevin Kelley
- 16 Rita Nuckles
Bonnie Hamilton
Magnolia Norment
- 17 Ben Gore
Marlee Shaw
Sara Goff
- 18 Lisa Bedenbaugh
- 19 Jemma Carnes
- 20 Amy Brown
- 22 Jason Murdock
- 23 Fred Edinger
Andrea Mosley
- 25 Bill Query
Linda Hill
- 26 Diane Ollis
- 27 Lara Mathis
Herb Nicholson
- 28 Dianne Byrd
- 29 Mollie Culbreath
- 30 Rachel Creech



October

- 12 Bruce & Sue Bogardus
- 14 Bobby & Becky O'Neal
- 17 Don & Paige Lockman
- 19 Richard & Jane Cheshire
Justin and Jennifer Evans

CALENDAR

Thursday, October 10 8:00 PM Ladies Zoom Bible Study	Thursday, October 17 8:00 PM Ladies Zoom Bible Study
Sunday, October 13 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service & Children's Church 5:30 PM Youth Ministry	Sunday, October 20 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service & Children's Church 5:30 PM Youth Ministry
Monday, October 14 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 12:00 PM Dannie Newsome Circle	Monday, October 21 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, October 16 2:00 PM Ladies Game Day Trip to Lancaster 4:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Soul Food 6:00 PM Youth Ministry 6:00 PM ReShape St. Luke 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal	Tuesday, October 22 5:30 PM Missions Team Meeting
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CHURCH TEAMS

Greeters for October

Kyle & Roger Buckley

Counting Committee:

October 13: Don Lockman, Scott Cameron

October 20: Don Lockman, Bill Query

October Ushers:

Roger Buckley (Captain), Don Gaskins, Drew Hamilton, Mike Siegfried, Andy Hamilton

Bereavement Meal Committee # 8

Anna Tingen (Chairperson), Tara Goff, Kerry Dorn, Blaire Goodson, Wendi Sutherlin, Linda Powell

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

Weekly Contributions:

September 29: \$9,540.25

October 6: \$12,618.00

Weekly Worship Attendance: (online)

September 29: 205 (319)

October 6: 148 (218)

Pastoral Visitation

Pastor Todd enjoys visiting St. Luke homebound/other disciples. If you would like him to schedule a visit with you, please call the church office at 843-383-5169, or email Pastor Todd at: pastor@stlukehartsville.com

He is glad to visit anyone at anytime!

Dannie Newsome Circle:
The Dannie Newsome Circle will meet at Noon on **Monday, October 14th.**



Hartsville Food Bank

We are collecting **Individually Wrapped Single-Roll Toilet Paper** for October.



St. Luke "Wednesday Night Soul Food" (Fellowship Meal and Small Groups for All Ages)

4:30—5:30 PM Children's Choir

5:30—6:00 PM Fellowship Meal

6:00—7:00 PM ReShaping St. Luke (Led by Pastor Todd in the Sanctuary)

The meal format will be buffet style. The cost is \$9/adult and \$5/children 10 & under. There will be an alternate meat selection of chicken nuggets for the children.

Sign up and payments can be made through Secure Give week prior. Sign up cards will also be available in the pew racks on Sundays. Payments can be made at the door with debit or credit card, no cash please. We do ask that you please pay if you sign up because we will have ordered your food. **Child care is available.** Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

MENU

October 16: PORK BAR-B-QUE RIBS, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, ROLL, TEA

October 23: HAMBURGER STEAK WITH GRAVY (ON THE SIDE), LOADED BAKED POTATO CASSEROLE, GARDEN SALAD, ROLL, TEA

KITCHEN COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We need your help in the kitchen on Wednesday nights 5-6pm (4:30 if able), and on Sundays during Churchwide events. Please contact Leigh Ann Bizzell (843)858-0551 or Teri Groves (843)858-1212 to join this busy church committee! Leigh Ann and Teri said to please call them and don't make them beg!

Love to all our St. Luke Disciples!



Chancel Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday's at 6:00 PM in the choir room. All are welcome!

Christmas Cantata rehearsals have begun! "The Jesus Gift" is a beautiful message beautifully wrapped in moving words and music. Prayerfully, it will be the perfect offering to present to our St. Luke congregation. The choir would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in singing with us for the cantata. If interested, please join us for cantata rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in

New Young Adult (ages 20-35) Sunday School Class began October 6, 2024!

We have chosen a new and popular curriculum by Seedbed that has been designed for small groups with short daily readings and reflection questions.

Thank You to all who have brought desserts to sell on Wednesday nights! We have had a great response for the prayer boxes Doug Russell is making for us. They are \$20 each. These funds will help buy items for the Shoeboxes and help defray the cost of shipping. Thank you, St. Luke GMC! You are always so generous! ~~~ Missions Team

NEW!!! Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study on Zoom NEW!!!

St. Luke is sponsoring a Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study on Zoom. This study will be geared toward young mothers, but all ladies are welcome. The Bible study will be held on Thursdays at 8:00 PM. We will study the first 12 chapters of Matthew, to include an in-depth study of the Beatitudes. The meeting ID for the Zoom session is 837 0532 1520 and the password is BibleStudy. The Zoom session will open at 7:45 PM. Please use the information provided to join the study or send your email address to Mary Frances at maryfrancesblack16@gmail.com for a personal invitation.



Ladies Bible Study

Our Bible study is held on Monday mornings in the conference room at 9:30 AM for fellowship time and 10:00 AM to begin our study. Depending on our time, we will conclude Bible study for the fall no later than December 16th.

We will be studying PSALMS!! The book/study guide is optional: The Epic of Eden—Psalms by Sandra L. Richter. This study of Psalms will include a video followed by discussion time. All ladies are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Luke Methodist Women's BBQ and Bake Sale will be on

November 7, 2024!!!

Tickets will be sold for \$10 each after Worship on Sunday's and are also available in the church office.





JOIN US FOR ST. LUKE METHODIST CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

October 30th | 5:30-7:30PM

GAMES - FOOD - PETTING ZOO
TRUNK OR TREAT - BOUNCE HOUSE

MEAL : \$5 INDIVIDUAL/ \$20 FAMILY

TRICK OR TREAT

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

TRUNK OR TREAT

SIGN UP

Wednesday,
October 30th

If you would like to sign up to decorate a trunk and pass out candy please email Jessica:
children@stlukehartsville.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

AMAZON GIFT LIST

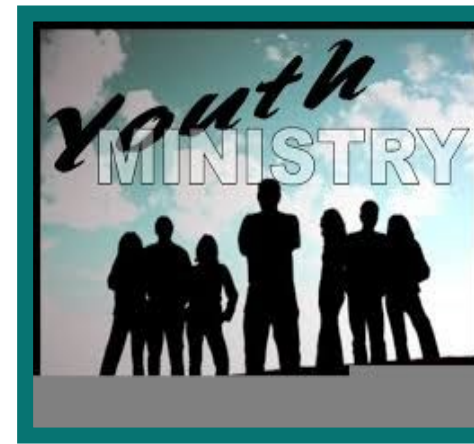
SCAN THE QR CODE TO ORDER ITEMS FROM OUR GIFT LIST ON AMAZON AND THEY WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH!

JOIN US FOR THE PACKING PARTY AT ST. LUKE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD AT 11:30AM

The Missions Committee is sponsoring the Shoe Box Ministry through Samaritan's Purse. We are asking for your support! You may make a monetary donation, purchase items through Amazon using the published QR code or purchase items from any store to fill your own shoebox. There is a list of suggested items located throughout the church. Donations can be mailed directly to St. Luke or dropped off at the church. **Please do not include liquids or food!**

Please consider bringing desserts to our Wednesday Night Soul Food Meals. The desserts will be available for a donation to Operation Christmas Child.

Please help to make a child, who has nothing, to be happy to receive a Christmas box. You will be blessed!



Hey St. Luke Disciples, the GMC Youth Collective, will hold its first student ministry conference on Saturday, October 26, 2024. "Rooted Student Conference" will be held at Mt. Horeb Church in Lexington, SC. This middle (6th - 8th grade) and high (9th - 12th grade) school conference will include breakout sessions, worship, resources, and much more for all students and youth pastors/directors/volunteers. The Youth Collective invites you to save the date for this special event. Pastor, author, and key-note speaker, Gerald Fadayomi of Home Church Roswell, in Georgia will be the guest speaker.

We have limited time to sign up at the Early Bird Special Rate , so see Bootsie to secure your spot. 843-307-1106