

PRAYER CONCERNS

Inge Cryder (friend of **Judy Blakeslee**, fall & heart issues), **Bootsie Griggs** (hip surgery), Beth Heim (friend of Nancy Birnbaum, cancer has returned), Henry King (cousin of **Lee Gardner**, diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer), Bobby McFarland (brother-in-law of **Iris McFarland**, double pneumonia), Kathy & Rodney McFarland (brother and sister-in-law of **Iris McFarland**, death of their son, Ladd), Glenn Ribelin (**Amanda Saleeby's** brother-in-law has cancer), Herb Roos (recovering from hip surgery at Morrell Nursing Center), Teresa (sister of **Judy Blakeslee**), Chloe Tobar (5 yr old child of **Siffords'** friends serving in El Salvador, has Dengue Fever), Butch Welch (brother of **Wendi Beattie**)

**** 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.**



St. Luke Has A New Website! Over the past year we have been working to give the St. Luke church website a whole new look – Check it out!! (www.stlukehartsville.com or click this link: [Home - St. Luke](#)) We plan to use the new website as the primary source for information about activities in the church — there are links to GMC content, calendar of events, sign-up opportunities, information about the church staff, our small groups/classes and work in the community. We are proud of our new website and especially thank Reagan Taylor and Tracee Auman for their help over the past year making our new website a reality.



God calls us to serve in love. Use our new church website www.stlukehartsville.com or click on: [Home - St. Luke](#) to fill out our **Time & Talents Form** (under the **Serve** tab) to let us know how you would be interested in serving – or suggest an opportunity. If you are unsure of where you would like to serve, complete the [Spiritual Gifts Inventory](#) to help gain insight on where you would be passionate about serving in the life of the church.

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!

Historical Items Wanted

If you have pictures or other historical items about the church and its activities to share with our History/Archive team, please send them electronically to Mary Frances Black at maryfrancesblack16@gmail.com. Non-electronic items may be shared with Iris McFarland through the church office. THANK YOU!

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God tells us in Jeremiah 29, "I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." In 2 Chronicles 7 God says, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."

May God help us, the Body of Christ, the Church to sincerely seek God and God's will for our church with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. And, let's be sure we are loving one another as Christ our Lord has commanded his followers. May God bless each of you,

Pastor Todd



St Luke

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January 23, 2025

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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

Experiencing God

Have you ever wondered what God's will is for your life? Have you ever wondered what God's will is for our church? Have you ever longed to experience God in deeper ways that help you to feel that you are living the "abundant life" that our Lord Jesus promises to his followers? If so, you are not alone! In the Bible Study by Henry Blackaby, Experiencing God, we learn that if a church wants to know God's will, so that it might join God in his work, and have God accomplish His purposes through them, then its members must be functioning as the TRUE Body of Christ – The Church. Well, what does that look like?

One of the greatest challenges for Christianity in our day is for churches to walk with God so closely that the world comes to know Him through their witness. Churches are often more interested in what they want to do for God than in what God wants them to be – the Body of Christ. The New Testament expresses God's desire for the church.

1. God wants His people to be holy (without sin) and pure.
2. God wants His people to display unity.
3. God wants His people to love one another.

1 Corinthians 12 tells us, "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ, and God has put each part just where he wants it. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a necessary part of it.

If you carefully read Romans 12, God tells His church (that's us!) how to correctly relate to one another as members of the Body of Christ, the Church. The Church...

<i>Loves others sincerely</i>	<i>Blesses those who persecute them</i>	<i>Hates evil</i>
<i>Rejoices with those who rejoice who mourn</i>	<i>Clings to what is good</i>	<i>Mourns with those</i>
<i>Is devoted to one another conceived</i>	<i>Lives in harmony with one another</i>	<i>Is not proud or</i>
<i>Serves the Lord with zeal</i>	<i>Does not repay evil for evil</i>	<i>Is joyful in hope</i>
<i>Practices hospitality</i>	<i>Is patient in affliction</i>	<i>Does what is right</i>
<i>Is faithful in prayer people in need</i>	<i>Does not take revenge</i>	<i>Shares with God's</i>
<i>Overcomes evil by doing good</i>	<i>Associates with people of low position</i>	

Which of these instructions for relating correctly to one another as Christ's Body, the Church, do you think our church needs to practice more than we currently do? A church must learn to act as the Body of Christ if it wants to know the will of God and have God accomplish His purposes through them.

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January

- 2 Jack Josey
- 3 Alison Evans
Leigh Lockman
- 5 Tim Ringer
- 6 Dennis Becker
- 7 Jaxson Bedenbaugh
Donnie Auman
- 10 Ed Rothe
- 11 Henry Teal
Becky Skipper
- 14 Ainsley Hamilton
- 16 Patty Whitehead
Jonathan Carnes
- 17 C.O. Myers
Derek Skipper
- 19 Charlie Johnson
- 20 Rainey Murdock
Mildred Purvis
Alice Vasseur
- 21 Tracee Auman
- 22 Marty McCulloch
- 25 Marg Howle
- 26 Jane Jones
Jennifer Evans
Brian Rudick
Mark Taylor
- 27 Wayne Jeffords
- 28 Cissy Alexander
- 29 Samantha Lopiccio
- 30 Judy Pigg
Todd Davis

February

- 1 Marilyn Edgeworth
Karen Butler
- 2 Will Black
- 3 Hannah Fountain
- 4 Jordan Murdock
Jeff Calabrese
- 9 Frank Benson



January

- 7 Johnny & Sharon Sturdivant
- 25 Al & Melinda Sansbury

February

- 5 Craig & Vicki Dorn

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 23

8:00 PM Ladies Zoom Bible Study

Sunday, January 26

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Service, Children's Church & Children's Choir Sings in Worship

11:15 AM Stewardship Team Meeting

11:30 AM Grow Kids Volunteer Kickoff

5:30 PM Youth Ministry

Monday, January 27

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

6:00 PM ReShape Planning Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 29

2:00 PM Ladies' Game Day

4:30 PM Children's Choir Practice

5:15 PM Wednesday Night Soul Food and Small Group Studies

6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM Youth Ministry

Thursday, January 30

6:00 PM Bible Study with Ben Babb

8:00 PM Ladies Zoom Bible Study

Sunday, February 2

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Service & Children's Church

11:15 AM Worship Team Meeting

5:30 PM Youth Ministry

Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM Days For Girls Ministry

Wednesday, February 5

2:00 PM Ladies' Game Day

4:30 PM Children's Choir Practice

5:15 PM Wednesday Night Soul Food and Small Group Studies

6:00 PM **NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

6:00 PM Youth Ministry

Thursday, February 6

9:00 AM Soup Kitchen

6:00 PM Bible Study with Ben Babb

8:00 PM Ladies Zoom Bible Study

CHURCH TEAMS

Greeter for January:

Jada Gore

Greeter for February:

Sharon Sturdivant

Counting Committee:

January 26: Scott Cameron, Gabe Brown

February 2: Johnny Sturdivant, Gabe Brown

January Ushers:

Kevin Kelley (Captain), Tim Griggs, Scott Jackson

February Ushers:

Rick Jones (Captain), John Beattie, Jack Josey, Johnny Sturdivant

Bereavement Meal Committee # 10

Debbie Dawkins (Chair), Kristen Nicholson, Jane Cheshire, Elizabeth Gainey, Leah Babb, Feeka Ewing, Reagan Taylor, Karen Jeffords, Sara Buckles

FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

Weekly Contributions:

January 12: \$17,120.00

January 19: \$7,981.00

Weekly Worship Attendance: (online)

January 12: 193 (410)

January 19: 151 (385)

2025 Flower Chart

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2025, please sign up on the Flower Chart located in the Narthex.



Hartsville Food Bank

For January we are collecting:

CEREAL



For February we are collecting:

INSTANT POTATOES



CHOIR NEWS



Last year, we had new folks join the St. Luke Chancel Choir—and we were happy to receive them! Now... with the beginning of a new year, we are calling on folks—who over the past few months—expressed they were thinking about joining the choir. Hopefully, they...OR YOU...have thought about it long enough and will now come "aboard" to sing with us. Will you please consider giving the Lord and the choir two hours of your week (one hour on Wednesday evening and one hour Sunday morning)? By doing so, you will honor the Lord through song and bless our congregation with your voice! Hoping to see you at our next rehearsal!



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

4:30—5:30 PM Children's Choir

5:15—6:00 PM Fellowship Meal

6:00—7:00 PM ReShaping St. Luke

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

Sign up and payments can be made on the church website through Secure Give week prior. Sign up cards are also available in the pew racks on Sundays. **Please sign up by NOON on Tuesdays!** 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.

MENU

January 29: Chicken Pasta Alfredo, Caesar Salad (Romaine, Parmesan Cheese, Croutons, Caesar Dressing, Tossed), Garlic Toast, Tea

February 5: Hamburger Steak with Grilled Peppers & Onions, Baked Sweet Potato with Brown Sugar, Cinnamon and Butter, Green Bens, Yeast Roll, Tea

New Key Policy for St. Luke

The St. Luke Trustees will be "re-keying" all of the external door locks for the church. When complete, any keys previously used to enter a locked exterior door to the church will no longer be functional.

All Church Council Committee Chairs must send a list of their members who will require issuance of a permanent new key to access the church to Drew Hamilton, Chair, Board of Trustees.

Any church member who is not on a committee but feels the need to be issued a permanent key should submit their request in writing to Drew Hamilton, Chair, Board of Trustees.

The Trustees will be implementing a new process for issuing a key for "ONE" time access to the church. A key box with a combination code will be installed at the Administrative entrance to the church and the church Administrative Assistant will provide the combination to those approved. The key must be returned immediately after the event requiring access. This combination will routinely be changed for security reasons.

Any questions about this new process should be directed to Drew Hamilton, Chair, Board of Trustees. (drew.hamilton@roadrunner.com)



NERF & NACHOS

BRING A FRIEND AND YOUR OWN NERF GUN

FEBRUARY 7TH 6-8PM
1ST-5TH GRADE

BRING YOUR OWN NERF GUN,
DARTS AND SAFETY GLASSES WILL BE PROVIDED

A night of defending God's Kingdom! We will talk about the Battle of Jericho and become Warriors for God! We will discuss how the Israelites were called to march around Jericho to conquer the city!

Grow kids

VOLUNTEER KICK OFF MEETING

JANUARY 26TH 11:30AM

Review our new curriculums for Sunday School and Wednesday Nights

Lunch and childcare will be provided



YAY FOR OUR SNOW DAY!!!





Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study resumed their study of Psalms on Monday, January 13th. New members are always welcome!

Social time begins at 9:30 am and the lesson begins promptly at 10:00 am. The study will conclude on February 24th. Please contact Jeannie Wilkerson at 843-319-6262 for further information.

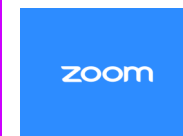
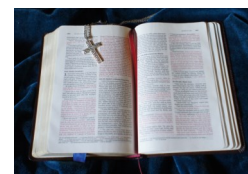
"The Scripture Lady"

We have an exciting ministry for Children at our Wednesday evening Gatherings this year. During the meal time in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, "The Scripture Lady" is present with her treasure box of toys, and other fun items. Any child who has memorized a verse of Scripture (does not have to be any certain length) during the week can share it with Ms. Cara for a prize out of the treasure box.

We are in need of donations (you can recycle!) of small toys in good condition for this ministry. Please drop them off in the church office at your convenience. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Cara at toddandcaradavis@gmail.com.

Bible Study With Ben Babb

All are welcome to attend a Bible Study with Ben Babb on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM in the small conference room located next to the church office. The Bible Study will begin on Thursday, January 30th at 6:00 PM.



Ladies Thursday Night Bible Study on ZOOM!

St. Luke offers 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 and the new session began on Thursday, December 9th! 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 maryfrancesblack16@gmail.com for a personal invitation.

St. Luke has a group of volunteers who would like to help homebound disciples or others who need rides to non-emergency doctor's appointments, X-ray's, lab work, drug store, other medical appointments, or grocery store. Volunteers are available to assist you Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM—5:00 PM. Please secure your ride at least 3 days prior to your need. For a list of volunteers and contact information, please call or email the church office at: 843-383-5169 or office@stlukehartsville.com



Young Adult Sunday School Class (ages 20-35ish)

The New Young Adult Sunday School Class (ages 20-35 ish) meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the classroom across from the church parlor. We started a new study on the Book of Genesis on Sunday, January 5, 2025. It's not too late to join us! All materials are ready for us to use! Just bring your Bible and a friend!

