



# ST. LUKE

Lutheran Church

The Story of God Changing Lives  
Learning, Living, Loving: United in God's Steadfast Love

## The Journey

July 2017



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Groundbreakers 2017

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# A Message from the Pastor...

## The Next Steps

The past few months have been such a whirl of excitement! The anticipation leading up to the purchase of the building, the closing, our first glorious Easter service, and the process of revamping the building space to better suit our needs. As always, the work is never really complete, but here are some things you should know about where we are and what we are doing.

### Worship Space

We are working to refit the sanctuary for liturgical worship. A custom altar and pulpit are being built for us by a local artisan, who is only charging us for materials. This will not only give us beautiful, one-of-kind sanctuary appointments, but will also save us between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

### The Tiffani Busch-Pickens Youth Room

Thanks to a generous donation from the Tiffani Busch-Pickens Fund, the youth room will be named in Tiffani's honor, and will be completely redesigned for our youth ministry.

### The Sign

We are currently receiving quotes to replace the sign that faces Highway 42 in order to increase visibility. We will only replace the top section, leaving the brick, pillars, and electronic display intact.

### The Capital Campaign

Our first mortgage payment was due in June. To establish a building fund to pay the mortgage, service the overall debt, and make improvements and repairs, we are having a capital campaign. It will be led by Pastor Ann Basset.

Pastor Ann has been an ELCA pastor and the Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Spring Hill, TN since 2004. Before being ordained, she worked as a public school math teacher, a student assistance counselor, a chaplain, and a minister for parish life in a Lutheran Church. She is the daughter of foreign missionaries and grew up in Panama, Central America. While she was born in Nebraska and went to college in Missouri she has spent more time in Middle Tennessee than anywhere else. She is married to Pastor Joel Emerson and loves all things pink. We look forward to her ministry among us, and to our Commitment Sunday on October 22!

Of course, none of this happens without your support. I am so proud of the way our members have stepped up to support the church, not just financially, but with your time and your sweat. Owning a building – like owning a home – carries with it many additional responsibilities, but your involvement has made that process a much smoother one.

As for me, I will be on vacation and on continuing education the next few weeks, but plan to return for worship on Sunday, July 9. Please pray for me as I spend some time learning about the way churches use emerging technology in ministry, work on a proposal for Augsburg Fortress, and spend some time relaxing with my family.

Peace, Pr Robb

## COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017

Member	Phone
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Dave Barkdoll.....President.....	770-507-1856
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Mark Rettig.....Treasurer .....	770-914-5694
Mary Beth Egas.....	770-471-2198
Andrew Grunzke.....	904-806-0191
Debbie Lundell.....	770-815-8918
Jim Sease.....	770-914-2432
Mary Shulak.....	770-898-0937

**Council meetings are open to all members of the congregation.** If you would like to address the council, we ask that you let the President, Dave Barkdoll, know in advance so we can put it on the council meeting agenda.

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*Mission:*        *Learning, Living, Loving: United in God's Steadfast Love*

### **Church Location:**

**1748 Brannan Road**

**McDonough, GA 30253**

### **Worship Service**

#### **Sunday:**

9:40 am Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (With Holy Eucharist)

### **Office Hours**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**(Tuesday ~ Thursday)** Office is closed Monday & Friday

### **To Reach us:**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*There will be no Sunday School during the months of June and July  
It will resume August 6.*

**Our next council meeting will be July 16.**

***Please note:***

***Pastor Robb will be taking Continuing Educational Classes and vacation  
June 12- -July10.***

*The office will be open Wednesdays, 10 am-2 pm, June 14-July5.*

*If you have a need, please call the church office and leave a message.*

*Someone will return your call within 24 hours.*

### **“Birthday in a Bag” ministry**

Members and friends can purchase basic supplies such as cake mix, icing, candles, crepe paper, balloons, small plates and napkins and place them in a Birthday bag. Bags will then be donated to A Friend’s House and given to a family with no means to celebrate a birthday.

### **Burial Plots Available**

St. Luke owns two burial plots in Sherwood Memorial Park on Tara Boulevard in Jonesboro that we are offering for sale. Proceeds will be used to pay off remaining credit card debt. If you or someone you know are interested in these plots, please contact Pastor Robb for more information.

### **Are You Staying Connected?**

St. Luke operates a webpage, a Facebook page, and a Twitter feed, all of which provide congregational news, upcoming events, and items of interest.

Take advantage of these resources!

Web: [www.storyofgod.org](http://www.storyofgod.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Luke-Lutheran-Church/>

Twitter: @StLukeLutheran1



## **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes.**

**In the month of July**, St. Luke's Elementary school children will be collecting school supplies. Please place your school supplies such as small notebooks, pencils, crayons, erasers, pens, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, colored pencils, etc. in the donation box.

*Our children are planning on putting together 50 shoeboxes this year!*

Our summer service project this year will consist of gathering requested items for the homeless outreach ministry through St. Francis Anglican Church. We have been asked to gather baby wipes and mosquito repellent. Items may be dropped off in the designated containers in the narthex.

What's a nursery with no toys? Our nursery is in need of new or very gently used toys for children under the age of two, especially toys that are musical or make noise. Please place toys in the basket in the narthex.

St. Luke's first "Backpack Blessing" of the 2017-2018 school year will be Friday, September 15. On that day, nine food insecure children from a local elementary school will be given backpacks full of nutritious food to supplement the school lunches they will miss when schools were closed September 18-22.

Many thanks to everyone donating money or bookbags for this ministry project. We know that St. Luke makes a difference in these children's lives.

If you would like to support this ministry, we are still looking for families to donate \$10.00 per month to "Backpack Blessings."

Family of Evelyn Fries  
 Bruce  
 Marlene  
 Crenshaw baby  
 Robert and Sue Gebel  
 Odellis Lord  
 Bob Owen  
 Clarence DeWitt  
 Sease Family  
 Richard Brock  
 Dianne  
 Morgan  
 Jordan  
 Pastor Oliver Wood  
 Pat Wood  
 Paige  
 Darcy Chaffin



## Prayer Requests

Barb Schlicht  
 Pat and Ann Poole  
 Kelvin Rankins  
 Vicki Gatewood  
 Tommy Nichols  
 Helen Yurtseven  
 Judith Aydin  
 Jerry  
 David Maggio  
 Willy Simmons  
 Jack Lewis  
 Kenny Willis

Abigail  
 Leverett Family  
 Resurrection Church,  
 Germany  
 Christ Whynn  
 Elizabeth Thompson  
 David  
 Twylah Schmidt  
 Keith Ian Latcha  
 David Pilling  
 Kirk  
 Vicky Fordham  
 Dona Fries  
 Pr. Gene Sheffield  
 Bob  
 Robbie Cates  
 Lucas Fisher  
 Aaron

Chris and Waylene Tomlin  
 Jennifer Ann  
 Travis Jackson  
 Juanito  
 Dorothy Jenkins  
 Henry Quant  
 Howard and Alice  
 Esaun  
 Susan Whitener  
 Marion Henry and kids  
 Mia Duay  
 Murphy Family  
 Louise Harrison  
 Leon Blackburn  
 Linda Blackburn  
 Theresa Sodachanh  
 Sierra, Heather  
 Phillips-Padilla family



### July Birthdays

Carol Elrod	1
Al Gourley	1
Abby Rettig	1
Tena Leverett	2
Dave Barkdoll	5
Roy DeWitt , Ed Joyner	13
Burt Crews	18
Amity Lutes	29

**If your birthday is not announced** in the monthly Newsletter, it could be because we do not have your information in the church records.

If you would like your birth date to appear in the monthly Journey, please fill in the information provided below and return it to the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B.**

**Month**\_\_\_\_ **Day**\_\_\_\_ **Year**\_\_\_\_

*The year will not be posted, but will be used for other record-keeping here at the church.....Thank you!*



**Groundbreakers  
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◀ June	July 2017						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 4th Sunday After Pentecost  Pastor Robb continuing Ed	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9 5th Sunday After Pentecost	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16 6th Sunday After Pentecost  Council 12:15	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23 7th Sunday After Pentecost	24	25	26 Fellowship night 7pm	27	28	29	
30 8th Sunday After Pentecost  5th Sunday Fellowship	31	Notes:					



# July 2017

## Sunday Servants

<b>July 2017</b> <b>Sunday Servants</b>		<b>July 16</b>	<b>C</b>
		Assisting Minister	Barbara Little
		Lector	Beverly Adair
		Crucifer	
<b>July 2</b>	<b>A</b>	Acolyte	
Assisting Minister	Debbie Lundell	Counters	Mike Adair and Beverly Retig
Lector	Joe Lundell	Ushers	Team 1
Crucifer		Greeters	Joe Lundell and Beverly Adair
Acolyte		Clean Up	ELCC
Counters	Paul Egas and Jim Sease		
Ushers	Team 1	<b>July 23</b>	<b>D</b>
Nursery	Paul Egas	Assisting Minister	Cindy Gourley
Greeters	Andrew Grunzke and Debbie Lundell	Lector	Andrew Grunzke
Clean Up	ELCC	Crucifer	Thomas Gourley
<b>July 9</b>	<b>B</b>	Acolyte	Benjamin Mason
Assisting Minister	Kelly Williams	Counters	Paul Egas and Jim Sease
Lector	Dave Barkdoll	Ushers	Team 1
Crucifer	Mallory Gourley	Greeters	Jim Sease and Rose Denzin
Acolyte	Paul Egas	Clean Up	ELCC
Counters	Vickie Pace and Judy Barkdoll		
Ushers	Team 1	<b>July 30</b>	<b>F 5th Sunday</b>
Greeters	Judy Joyner and Linda Hoover	Assisting Minister	Barbara Little
Clean Up	ELCC	Lector	David Ludley
		Crucifer	
		Acolyte	Benjamin Mason
		Counters	Barbara Little & Ron Brauer
		Ushers	Team 1
		Greeters	Mark Rettig and Linda Hoover
		Clean Up	ELCC

**USHERS**  
Team # 1

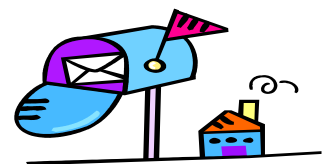
John Shaw, Larry Egas, Al Gourley  
and Andrew Grunzke



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*9:40 a.m. Sunday School*  
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*11:00 a.m.*



If you have any ideas or suggestions for The Journey,  
please contact the church office  
Please have all Journey items into the church office by the  
25th of each month.....  
(678-432-0845) or by email at [storyofgod@bellsouth.net](mailto:storyofgod@bellsouth.net).



Please call the church office if you have a change of address or a new phone number so that our records can be updated.