



ST. LUKE

Lutheran Church

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

The Journey

May and June 2017

Welcome New Members!!!



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A Message from the Pastor....

On the Passage of Time

Over the last week, I have had ample reminders of the preciousness of time. On Wednesday I received call from Susan that there was a grief-stricken family in a room at Southern Regional Hospital, reeling from the sudden death of their husband and father. His death was unexpected, and it hit his wife and adult children with crushing waves of shock and disbelief. I spent some time with them that day, and the next day we gathered at the church for a service, where through prayer and proclamation we entrusted the care of his soul to God our Father.

On Friday, I headed up to Athens with Ezel, Dory, and my father-in-law James in tow to see Asheton receive his degree from the University of Georgia. It was a long day (and a REALLY long ceremony), but a good one. As I stood in the living room of his apartment and helped him tie his tie, I was deluged with a flood of memories: the first time I met he and his mom; shooting baskets in the driveway; days spent fishing at Lake Lanier; nights spent standing in line at GameStop for the midnight release of the latest, greatest video games; skipping school and work to go see new Star Wars movies. Mostly, I remembered the day when he was ten, and he came inside after playing with his friends, and asked me very matter-of-a-factly, "So, are you going to adopt me or what?" These moments are more precious to me than silver or gold.

We seem to live in a world where time moves by too quickly. Add to that the pressures of modern life that we face due to increasing work demands, financial stress, and fragmented family life, and it can seem that days simply disappear before us. The Psalmist prays, "Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom." (Psalm 90:12, NLT)

If I could encourage you to do one thing, it is simply to spend your time wisely. Children grow up too fast, our elders pass too soon, and our own days are numbered. Spend time with those you love. Tell them how much mean to you. Call an old friend. Better yet, pay them a visit. Don't let online interactions replace human contact. Put down your smart phone. Turn off the TV. Be present. These are days you won't get back.

Robert Frost once wrote:

When a friend calls to me from the road
And slows his horse to a meaning walk,
I don't stand still and look around
On all the hills I haven't hoed,
And shout from where I am, What is it?
No, not as there is a time to talk.
I thrust my hoe in the mellow ground,
Blade-end up and five feet tall,
And plod: I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit.

May we, too, aspire to be so present for family and friends.

Pastor Robb



Vision: The Story of God Changing Lives

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

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COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017

Member	Phone
Dave Barkdoll.....President.....	770-507-1856
John Shaw.....Vice President	770-946-4187
Kelly WilliamsSecretary	909-567-9467
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.





Street,
Chris, Krys
Nic and Joydyn



Quant,
Henry and Paula



Honig,
Julie, Shane
Hannah and Tyler



Kilduff,
Luke, Pat, Melinda
and Declan



Frey,
Marshal and Shirley



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 May 21.

Please join us next Sunday, **May 21 for Graduation Sunday.**

Congratulations to: Laura Chatmon, Adam DeWitt, Nic DeWitt,
Mallory Gourley and Asheton Harrell.

Pastor Robb and Mark and Beverly Rettig will be at Synod Assembly
May 26-28.

Join us Sunday, **May 28 for “Music Sunday”.**

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

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

Twitter: @StLukeLutheran1

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



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

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

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



May Birthdays	
Erica Gassaway	2
Beverly Rettig	14
Mary Beth Egas	18

June Birthdays	
Tracey Hiltunen	1
John Shaw	17
Eddie Lopez	18
Ann Poole	18
Pat Durham	23

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!

◀ April	May 2017						June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7 4th Sunday of Easter	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14 5th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Church Work Day/ Clean Up Please sign up to help	
21 6th Sunday of Easter Graduation Sunday	22	23	24	25	26 Pastor Robb at Synod _____	27	
28 7th Sunday of Easter Music Celebration Sunday	29	30	31	Notes:			

May 2017

Sunday Servants

May 7	C
Assisting Minister	Barbara Little
Lector	Beverly Adair
Crucifer	
Acolyte	
Counters	Paul Egas and Jim Sease
Ushers	Team 2
Greeters	Joe Lundell and Beverly Adair
Clean Up	ELCC

May 21	E
Assisting Minister	Mark Rettig
Lector	Conrad Busch
Crucifer	
Acolyte	
Counters	Mike Adair and Beverly Retig
Ushers	Team 2
Greeters	Tony Kelley and Dona Curtis-Thomas
Clean Up	ELCC

May 14	D
Assisting Minister	Cindy Gourley
Lector	Andrew Grunzke
Crucifer	Thomas Gourley
Acolyte	Benjamin Mason
Counters	Vickie Pace and Judy Barkdoll
Ushers	Team 2
Greeters	Jim Sease and Rose Denzin
Clean Up	ELCC

May 28	A
Assisting Minister	Debbie Lundell
Lector	Joe Lundell
Crucifer	
Acolyte	
Counters	Paul Egas and Jim Sease
Ushers	Team 2
Nursery	Paul Egas
Greeters	Andrew Grunzke and Debbie Lundell
Clean Up	ELCC

USHERS
Team # 2
 Mark & Bev Rettig, Conrad Busch and Jim Sease

June 2017

Sunday Servants

June 18	D
Assisting Minister	Cindy Gourley
Lector	Andrew Grunzke
Crucifer	Thomas Gourley
Acolyte	Benjamin Mason
Counters	Paul Egas and Jim Sease
Ushers	Team 3
Greeters	Jim Sease and Rose Denzin
Clean Up	Joyner/Kelley

June 4	B
Assisting Minister	Kelly Williams
Lector	Dave Barkdoll
Crucifer	Mallory Gourley
Acolyte	Paul Egas
Counters	Vickie Pace and Judy Barkdoll
Ushers	Team 3
Greeters	Mark Rettig and Judy Aydin
Clean Up	Barkdoll/Egas

June 25	E
Assisting Minister	Mark Rettig
Lector	Conrad Busch
Crucifer	
Acolyte	
Counters	Vickie Pace and Judy Barkdoll
Ushers	Team 3
Greeters	Tony Kelley and Dona Curtis-Thomas
Clean Up	Little/Pace/Adair

June 11	C
Assisting Minister	Barbara Little
Lector	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	
Counters	Mike Adair and Beverly Retig
Ushers	Team 3
Greeters	Joe Lundell and Beverly Adair
Clean Up	Sparrow

July 3	A
Assisting Minister	Debbie Lundell
Lector	Joe Lundell
Crucifer	
Acolyte	
Counters	Mike Adair and Beverly Retig
Ushers	Team 3
Greeters	Andrew Grunzke and Debbie Lundell
Clean Up	ELCC

USHERS

Team # 3

Mike and Linda Hover, Ed and Judy Joyner,
Mike and Beverly Adair and Dave Barkdoll

◀ May	June 2017						July ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	
4 Day of Pentecost	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11 1st Sunday after Pentecost Holy Trinity	12 Pastor Robb on vacation/Continuing Ed June 12– July 10	13	14	15	16	17	
18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Father' Day	19 Pastor Robb on vacation/Continuing Ed June 12– July 10	20	21	22	23	24	
25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	26 Pastor Robb on vacation/Continuing Ed June 12– July 10	27	28	29	30	Notes:	

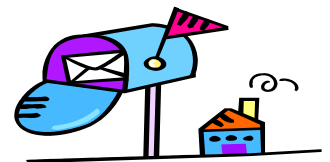


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9:40 a.m. Sunday School
Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m.



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.



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