



### **St. Luke Guys**

“St. Luke Guys” is the preliminary name for the new men’s lunch group being formed at St. Luke. On the 4th Friday of the month (with a few exceptions) while the women are Gathering at the home of Barbara Little, the men will meet at a designated restaurant for lunch. The first lunch will be at Shane’s on Jonesboro Road near the old storefront at 11:30 on Friday, March 24th. Please join the rest of the guys for lunch and fellowship.

### **Hunger Walk/Run Sunday, March 12**

Hunger Walk Run is back for 2023 - both in person and virtually. This year marks the 39th anniversary of this incredible event . Funds raised will help support food ministries all over Georgia. St. Luke's team will be walking in our church neighborhood. If you would like to join our team, see or call Paul Egas @678 488 7323. If you would like to help us reach our goal of \$900.00, please donate to St Luke and put Hunger Walk in the memo area. All donations are due by March 12. Thanks for your support.

### **WELCA Gathering**

All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the Cluster 2 Women of the ELCA Spring Cluster Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church in Carrollton, Georgia from 10:00 to 3:00 with registration beginning at 9:30. Please contact Debbie Lundell at [debrallundell@comcast.net](mailto:debrallundell@comcast.net) or 770-815-8918 if you are interested in attending. Registration deadline is March 13.

### **Southern Crescent Chorale Concert**

Southern Crescent Chorale presents “O Be Joyful!” at Spivey Hall on Sunday, March 5. Sponsored by Dr. Frank and Deb Cole, the concert will feature a wide variety of choral music including Durante’s Magnificat, Hosanna In Excelsis by Gounod, Busto’s Ave Maria, and gorgeous hymn arrangements of “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” and “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”. Steve Shivers, our fantastic collaborative pianist, and organist Justin Maxey will lend their great talents to the event with solos. The world-class acoustics of Spivey Hall make this concert a favorite of both patrons and singers. Tickets: [southerncrestchorale.org](http://southerncrestchorale.org) or [spiveyhall.org](http://spiveyhall.org)

## **Lenten Book Study**

Our book study for Lent is on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm on Zoom. If you signed up for the class, check your email for the Zoom link. If you had Pastor Robb order you a book, make sure you get that before you leave today. If you have not signed up but would like to do so, please let Pastor know.

### **Finding Christ in the Psalms**

March 1 begins our Lenten challenge to pray through all 150 Psalms during the month of March. A schedule is available in the narthex and on the St. Luke webpage ([storyofgod.org](http://storyofgod.org)). Didn't start on March 1? That's ok, pick up and schedule and join in on whatever date you can and begin with the Psalms appointed for that day.

### **Vespers**

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm as we pray Holden Evening Prayer.

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

#### **March 1 George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633**

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

#### **March 2 John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church**

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

#### **March 7 Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202**

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

#### **March 10 Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society**

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

### **March 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604**

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

### **March 17 Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461**

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

### **March 19 Joseph, Guardian of Jesus**

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

### **March 21 Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556**

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

### **March 22 Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758**

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

### **March 24 Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980**

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

### **March 25 Annunciation of Our Lord**

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

### **March 29 Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

### **March 31 John Donne, poet, died 1631**

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Layla Kemp

Louise Harrison

Sherry Scott

Gail Quattlebaum

Nancy Voss

Hiltunen and Johnston families

Ron and Chong Brauer

Joyce Smalley

Angelina DeWent

Stephanie Joyner

Mike Scott

Freddie Clark

Judy Jenkins

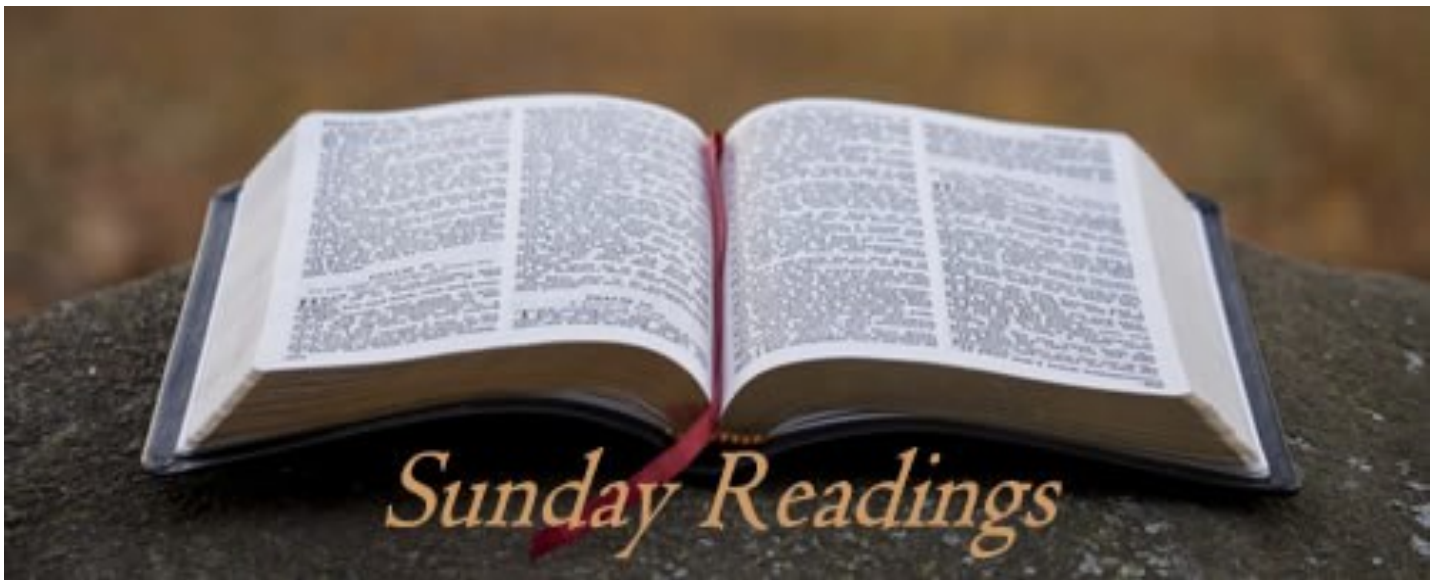
James Taylor

Nilgul Taylor

Bill Maloy

Rose Denzin

Erin Lannin



## **March 5**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

## **March 12**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

## **March 19**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

## **March 26**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

## March/April 2023 Sunday Servants

### March 5

Assistant: Kelly Glow  
Lector: Dave Barkdoll  
Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas  
Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace  
Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### March 12

Assistant: Debbie Lundell  
Lector: Shelia Kelley  
Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly  
Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little  
Cleaners: The Egas Family

### March 19

Assistant: Mark Rettig  
Lector: Conrad Busch  
Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner  
Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig  
Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### March 26

Assistant: Mary Shulak  
Lector: David Ludley  
Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig  
Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace  
Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

### April 2

Assistant: Kelly Glow  
Lector: Dave Barkdoll  
Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas  
Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little  
Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

### April 9

Assistant: Debbie Lundell  
Lector: Shelia Kelley  
Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly  
Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig  
Cleaners: The Egas Family

### April 16

Assistant: Mark Rettig  
Lector: Conrad Busch  
Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner  
Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace  
Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

### April 23

Assistant: Mary Shulak  
Lector: David Ludley  
Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig  
Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little  
Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

### April 30

Assistant: Barbara Little  
Lector: Eric Heckman  
Ushers: Ed and Judy Joyner  
Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig  
Cleaning: The Joyners and the Sparrows

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	AI-Anon 12 pm	Lenten Book Study Zoom 7pm	Vespers 7pm			AA 9 am
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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