



# THE EPISTLE

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### MISSION STATEMENT

"We are becoming a faithful community of disciples  
striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ."

# Pastor Mark's Epistle

Dear Friends,

Ah, October! What a month we have in store as the summer heat fades and crisp, cool days head our way. Our Fall Retreat at Nelson Woods gets us going this weekend. Then Pastor Bee will inspire us in leading World Communion Sunday on the 2nd.

"Extravagant Generosity" is our theme as we launch into what we hope is a new era in Giving at St. Luke's. Please begin right away by participating in PRAYER...see the very special daily prayer created for us by one of our devoted LIFE groups. Our emphasis will run as a four-part series, October 9-30, and there will be coordinated opportunities in Sunday School and on Wednesdays in addition to Sunday Worship.

Here is an apropos statement from our foundational book for this churchwide effort, Bishop Robert Schnase's FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL LIVING...

*"The practice of Extravagant Generosity stretches us to offer our utmost and highest to God...People who practice this give with unexpected liberality; they make giving a first priority; and they plan their giving with great energy and passion."*

Let's be passionate in our love for God's work through St. Luke's and respond joyfully!

In service, Pastor Mark

## Join us in Worship

**Sunday, October 2**

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50

World Communion Sunday

John 6: 25-35

"Equally Loved, Equally Forgiven"

Pastor Bee

**Sunday, October 9**

Worship at 8:30 and 10:50

Extravagant Generosity - 1

Ministry Flows From the Heart

1 Timothy 6: 17-19

Pastor Mark



**the element**  
Sundays 6:00pm,  
Fellowship Hall

There will be no element service on  
Sunday, Oct. 2.

Join us again on Sunday, Oct. 9 for  
a new and meaningful service.

## ***Hospitality Award to be given October 16***



We are accepting nominations for the **Eppes Hospitality Award** which is given to someone who displays a genuine, friendly smile and welcoming attitude to all who enter

the doors of St. Luke's. Nomination forms are available at the Hospitality Desk or you may email Virginia Hathorn at [virginia.hathorn@stlukesumc.org](mailto:virginia.hathorn@stlukesumc.org). Please turn in your nominations by Sunday, Oct. 9.

# Together We Grow....

## Wednesday Dinner and Activities

### Intergenerational Night - Sept. 28

We will all be in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate St. Luke's!

### We will return to our other options on Oct. 5: Study

Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation - Lounge  
Extravagant Generosity Study - MB 106  
Generosity in the Movies - MB 304

### Service

Hands Activity - CLC 103  
10/5 - Cards for Homebound  
10/12 - Hands in the Heritage Room  
10/19 - Assemble Hygiene Bags

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor

### Creative

Altarscapes - Sanctuary  
Writing, Advent Devotional Book - MB 211

### Wellness

People Play Games, CLC Gym  
Walking or Fitness in the Gym  
Yoga - MB 213

### Children

Cherub Choir and Team Grow Activities  
Chorister Choir and Team Grow Activities

### Come see how your faith can GROW

#### Fellowship Meal

Sept. 28: Meat Loaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Pie  
Oct. 5: Lasagna/Veggie Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Cake  
Oct. 12: Minute Steaks, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pie  
Salad Bar each week; Chicken nuggets available for children.

We are excited about the increased fellowship and attendance of our Wednesday dinners! However, please help us to prepare the correct amount of food by making reservations by noon on Tuesday. Baked Chicken is available each week if requested when making reservations.

## APPRECIATION FOR "BETH MAC"

We are thankful for the six years of service of Beth Masters among us in children's ministry. Please consider a "Love Offering" gift through the Church Office to be given to Beth and family as they begin a new chapter of life with a new baby girl on the way. Thanks!

*Pastor Mark and Pastor Bee*

## YOUTH NEWS

Hey guys! Here's what we have going on over the next couple of weeks:

Wednesday, Sept. 28

5:45 - Dinner 6:30 - Intergenerational Activity

Saturday, Oct. 1-Sunday, Oct. 2

Fall Retreat, bus leaves at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1

12:00 - Kickball Game at Hope Pres.!

Sunday, Oct. 2

9:30 - Sunday School (*Helper- April Carpenter*)

No Evening Activities

Wednesday, Oct. 5

5:45 - Dinner 6:30 - "Together We Grow"

Sunday, Oct. 9

9:30 - Sunday School (*Helper- Shelly Goebel*)

5:00-7:00 - Dinner (*Goebel*) and Game Night!

Peace, Beth

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Here's our schedule for the next couple of weeks:

Tuesday, Sept. 27 - 6 p.m. - Meet at church for Dinner and a movie.

Tuesday, Oct. 4 - 6 p.m. - Meet at church for Dinner and Discussion

Tuesday, Oct. 11 - 6 p.m. - Meet at church for Dinner and Games

Peace, Beth

## Charge Conference

Sunday, October 30, 5:00 p.m., Chapel

All members of St. Luke's are invited to attend.

## NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

### Zumba Class

Tuesdays, 7:00, \$5.00 per class

**Free Yoga** - Two opportunities each week to strengthen your body and mind.

Wednesdays, 6:30 - April Carpenter

(*part of Together We Grow Wednesdays*)

Thursdays, 6:15 - Kelly Gardner

Childcare is available for both sessions

**Basketball sign-ups** have started.

Registration forms are available at the desk.

Remember Him Always, Coach Day

## Congregational Support

### OUR SYMPATHY TO:

**Melissa Galloway** in the death of her mother, Virginia Lawson on Sept. 25. Services tentatively scheduled for Oct. 10.

### GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

**Giles Colbert** from Richard & Billie Boyd;  
**Vera Huddleston** from Nan Smith;  
**Gordon Gearin** from Louise Gearin  
**Elliot Puckett** from Lewis & Molly O'Kelly  
**Thomas Curry** from Opal Hill

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### PRAYER CONCERNS OF OUR ST. LUKE'S FAMILY

Deborah Lewis	Judy Cristallino <i>(friend of Marty Cobb)</i>
Jean Hastings	
Brian McKinley	Stephen Ministry Training Group
Sam & Betty Bennett <i>(Beverly Parrish's Aunt &amp; Uncle)</i>	<i>Our missionaries,</i> David & Lorie Persons Sue Porter

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### Radio Broadcast

WREC 600 AM, 8 - 9:00 a.m.

The service from September 18, broadcast on Sept. 25,  
*paid by St. Luke's UMC.*

The service from September 25 broadcast on October 2,  
was dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of

**Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Deaton**  
by Deborah Gibson.

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**For hospital and prayer concerns, call our "What's Happening Line" at 901-327-0006, updated by noon Mon. - Thurs.**



Prayer is one way we communicate with God, we pray and listen for God's directions in our lives. In the month of October we are celebrating God's Generosity towards us as the people of God and as the congregation of St. Luke's.

We have so much to be thankful for at St. Luke's, so many activities for all generations, for people of all walks of life, inspiring worship services, great Wednesday night gatherings and much more. So besides being thankful for what we have and whose we are, we also need to look to God for the future. Who will we be 10 years from now, what ministries will be going on at St. Luke's 10 years from now? Dream, pray and listen for where God is moving us and who God wants us to be in the future.

We are asking every member to pray about God's generosity in the month of October, not just in how we are to serve God but also what gifts we can give to God's ministries. How much each one of us can pledge to the ministries of St. Luke's. What are you willing to give, what can you give, what is God asking you to give? Starting October 10 we are inviting everyone in the congregation to pray the prayer the Thursday LIFE group has created for us. We will pray as a congregation at 8 AM, 12 noon, 4 PM and again at 8 PM. Put it on your calendar, set your alarm on your black berry, I-phone or whatever you carry with you that will remind you to STOP wherever you are and pray the Generosity Prayer together with the congregation of St. Luke's.

If you have any questions about the prayer time or prayer please feel free to contact Pastor Birgitte 452-6262 ext 124 or pastor.bee@stlukesumc.org

### Generosity Prayer

Most Good and Generous God,  
Thank you for the countless blessings you have showered upon us. May it be through these blessings that we come to know the depth and width of your love for us. May we recognize that there is a difference between believing in the idea of love and putting love into action. Help us to be as generous in our loving and giving as you have been. We ask for discernment to see our shortcomings and that you strengthen us to do your will in our church and community. We ask these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ; to Your praise and glory. Amen

**BREAKING NEWS! This just in!**

October 16 has been declared the day to  
**"Take your family out to lunch for spaghetti!"**

You can observe this holiday (especially for the cook) by coming to eat at the UMM-UMW Italian lunch festival here at St. Luke's on that day.

Serving starts at 11:00 a.m.

Carry out or eat with us.

\$6.00 per person, \$15.00 max per family.

And your money goes to missions.



**Boo Out is coming! Friday, October 28**

It's that time again, and we need many volunteers to make the Boo Out a success. Would you like to help? More information will be coming soon. Watch for displays and opportunities to sign-up to volunteer or contact Mary Francis Hall, mp111cmom@hotmail.com

**Young at Heart Event**

**Wednesday, October 5** is senior day at the Zoo. Anyone over sixty can have free admission, free parking and free tram rides. If you would like to go with a group from St. Luke's, please sign up at the hospitality desk. We would like to have a minimum of ten to take the church bus. The only charge is \$3 for transportation. Sign up by Sept. 28.

**Faith and Friendship** Sunday School class invites you to join us as we study "You Can Get Bitter or You Can Get Better" by James Moore, facilitated by Pastor Bee. This book helps us answer the question of how we respond to the tough challenges of life. If you are not involved in a Sunday School class but would like to get started in one, this might be the time for you to visit the Faith and Friendship Class. We meet on the 3rd floor every Sunday from 9:40 - 10:30 AM. All are welcome and we look forward to having you with us.

**St. Luke's Recycles –Again!**

We are once again offering to collect your old electronic parts and equipment in order to have them recycled or properly disposed of. This includes computer components, rechargeable batteries, telephones, fluorescent bulbs, etc. We can only accept certain brands of televisions: Samsung, Sharp, Panasonic, Mitsubishi & Toshiba. If you have questions about particular items, please contact Tim Taylor: tim.taylor@stlukesumc.org or call the church. We will collect these items until October 19. Small items can be dropped off at our Collection Center in the first floor elevator room. Larger items will be stored by our staff—please let us know what you are bringing and we'll help you get it where it needs to be.



There are many LIFE groups that meet during the week in several different places throughout the area. Become a part of a group to experience the rich spiritual connection with others. Contact Pastor Bee to find the group that is right for you.

**Are You a Good Driver?**

The **transportation ministry** is in need of more bus drivers on Sunday mornings. The only requirement is that you must be at least 25 yrs of age with a valid driver's license and clean driving record; no experience required, and training will be provided. This is a vital ministry in the life of St. Luke's and its members who need transportation to and from Sunday School and church. The time required is approximately an hour before Sunday School or an hour after the 10:50 church service. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact the church office (452-6262), Mary Lou Cushing (428-2812), or Warren Morrison (323-7446). Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry.



**The Church Health Center's annual Race for Grace is celebrating 15 years!**  
 The 15th Annual 5K Run/Walk or 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk will be Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 9 a.m. We had a great St. Luke's team last year and hope to have more join us this year. The race unites the faith community and celebrates the physical body with which God has blessed us, while also supporting the ministries of the Church Health Center. Our team name is Faithful Servants and Denise Hensley is the Team Captain. If you would like more information, please contact Denise at david.denise@att.net or 435-6099. You can also register online at [www.raceforgrace.racesonline.com](http://www.raceforgrace.racesonline.com).

**Coming Soon to the Orpheum**  
 C.S. LEWIS  
 THE  
*Screwtape*  
 LETTERS

Saturday, November 5 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
 Tickets range from \$29 - \$59 with discounts for groups of 10 or more. For more information visit [www.ScrewtapeonStage.com](http://www.ScrewtapeonStage.com)

**HANDS MINISTRIES**

**Wednesday Service Opportunity**

The Hands committee has had very successful Wednesday evening group activities. Come join the fun and fellowship! We are still in need of your help to supply some of these items.

- **Christmas Cards** for the upcoming season.
- **Shut-In Bags:** Pocket Kleenex pkgs, hand/body lotion, body powder, lip balm, emery boards, baby wipes, devotion books, notecards and stamps.
- **Hygiene Bags:** Travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, mouthwash, deodorant, nail clippers, emery boards, feminine hygiene products.
- **Emergency Meal Sacks:** Bottled water, Vienna sausages, cheese/peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, cookies.



We are collecting these items in the elevator room on the 1st floor. Please give generously.

THANK YOU to all who have brought plastic bags. We made a lot of "plarn" and we have a lot more to make. However, **we do not need any more bags** right now but as soon as we have made "plarn" out of the bags you have donated, we will let you know.

**HANDS Activities in the month of October**

- 5: Cards for our Homebound
- 12: Hands in the Heritage Room, Bettye Jo
- 19: Packing Hygiene Bags for Our Saturday Supper and Sunday morning friends.
- 26: PLARN for the Prison Ministry, Pastor Bee

If you are not participating in other activities on Wednesday nights, you are welcome to join the HANDS team.

**A Thank You**

DEAR ST. LUKE'S FRIENDS,  
 Thank you for the many cards, calls and other expressions of sympathy after the death of my son Charles. Your friendship and prayers mean so much to me and my family.  
 Love in Christ, Shirley Lynn

# St. Luke's Calendar: September 28 - October 13

## Wednesday September 28

- 6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH
- 5:45pm – 7:20pm Dinner & Intergenerational Activities - FH
- 7:30pm - 9:00pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday September 29

- 9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym
- 9:15am – 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel
- 9:30am – 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108
- 10:00am – 12:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211
- 6:00pm – 8:30pm Stephen Ministry Training - MB 106
- 6:00pm – 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym
- 6:15pm – 7:30pm Yoga - Lounge

## Friday September 30

- 8:00am – 9:00am Day School Muffins with Moms - FH
- 5:00pm – 8:30pm Memphis Meeting - Lounge

## Saturday October 1

- 8:30am Bus Leaves for Fall Retreat - HH
- 8:30am – 4:30pm Memphis Meeting - Lounge
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm Learn to Sew - CLC, 103
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH

## Sunday October 2

- 12:00pm Return from Fall Retreat
- 8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH
- 8:30am – 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30am – 10:30am Sunday School - Lounge
- 10:50am – 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm Generosity Team - Lounge
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm Wesley Handbells - MB, 207

## Monday October 3

- 9:30am – 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm Coin Club - Lounge
- 7:00pm – 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym

## Tuesday October 4

- 9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym
- 10:00am – 11:30am Staff Meeting - MB 310
- 11:00am – 2:00pm UMW Mission Study - FH
- 6:00pm – 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - MB 310
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm Trustee's Meeting - MB, 106
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm Zumba - CLC, gym
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut

## Wednesday October 5

- 6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH
- 10:00am – 12:00pm American Sewing Guild - CLC 105
- 3:00pm – 5:30pm Dept. of Ed. Teacher Workshop - Lounge
- 5:45pm – 7:30pm Dinner & Activities - FH
- 6:25pm – 7:35pm Children's Choirs & Team Grow
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

## Thursday October 6

- 7:00am – 7:00pm Memphis Municipal Election - Lounge
- 9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym
- 9:15am – 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel
- 9:30am – 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108
- 10:00am – 12:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211
- 6:00pm – 8:30pm Stephen Ministry Training - MB 106
- 6:00pm – 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym
- 6:15pm – 7:30pm Yoga - MB, 213.

## Friday October 7

- 10:00am – 4:00pm Sewing Retreat - FH

## Saturday October 8

- 9:00am – 3:00pm Stephen Ministry Training - MB 106
- 10:00am – 2:00pm Sewing Retreat - FH
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm Learn to Sew - Lounge
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH

## Sunday October 9

- 8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH
- 8:30am – 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:00am – 10:00am Blood Pressure Check - CLC, 104
- 9:30am – 10:30am Sunday School - Lounge
- 10:50am – 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm Wesley Handbells - MB, 207
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm Youth Dinner & Activities - MB, 3rd Fl.
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

## Monday October 10

- 9:30am – 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel
- 10:00am – 11:00am Veterans - FH
- 10:30am – 2:30pm Loyalty-Fellowship Ladies - Lounge
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm Grief Support Group - Parlor
- 5:30pm – 7:00pm Univ. District Mtg. - MB 106
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211
- 7:00pm – 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym

## Tuesday October 11

- 9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym
- 10:15am – 11:15am Senior choir - Choir Room
- 6:00pm – 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - Kitchen 310/311
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm Naomi Circle UMW - lounge
- 7:00pm – 8:00pm Zumba - CLC, gym
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut

## Wednesday October 12

- 6:45am – 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH
- 10:00am – 1:00pm American Sewing Guild - Lounge
- 5:45pm – 7:30pm Dinner & Activities - FH
- 6:25pm – 7:35pm Children's Choirs & Team Grow
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

## Thursday October 13

- 9:00am – 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym
- 9:15am – 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel
- 9:30am – 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108
- 10:00am – 12:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211
- 6:00pm – 8:30pm Stephen Ministry Training - MB 106
- 6:00pm – 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym
- 6:15pm – 7:30pm Yoga - Lounge

MB-Main Building, FH-Fellowship Hall,  
CLC-Christian Life Center, CB-Children's Building

For the most current calendar information  
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October 16 is still open for flowers. If you would like to place **flowers on the altar** in honor or memory of someone, please call Marilyn Sadler, 452-1347.

## “Giving for Jesus”

Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please him in all that I do,  
Yielding allegiance, Glad-hearted and free.  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

O, Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to thee,  
For thou in thine atonement  
didst give thyself for me.  
I own no other master;  
My heart shall be thy throne.  
My life I give, henceforth to live,  
Oh, Christ, for thee alone.

Giving for Jesus is clearly God's call;  
My vow is sacred - to give Christ my all.  
Thankful for blessings, in him I shall live;  
Each day he brings me a new chance to give.

Oh, Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
In gratitude to thee,  
I give with all my being as you created me.  
My promise is to serve you,  
to ever do my part,  
to live for him in word and deed,  
and give with all my Heart!

verse one “Living for Jesus,” T. O. Chisholm  
verse two, Pastor Mark Matheny

## Top 10 Reasons YOU should Tithe:

- #3: Because it is the right thing to do.
- #2: As a Christian you understand the privilege it is to have a partnership with God in spreading the Gospel.

*What is your top reason for tithing?*

### RECORD OF LOYALTY

<i>Sunday School Attendance - 9/18</i>	187
<i>Sunday School Attendance - 9/25</i>	178
<b>Worship Attendance - September 18, 2011</b>	
<i>Sunshine Service</i>	58
<i>8:30 a.m. - Worship</i>	61
<i>10:50 a.m. - Worship</i>	274
<i>Element</i>	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>421</b>
<b>Worship Attendance - September 25, 2011</b>	
<i>Sunshine Service</i>	64
<i>8:30 a.m. - Worship</i>	55
<i>10:50 a.m. - Worship</i>	295
<i>Element</i>	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>435</b>
<b>Gifts &amp; Tithes Received</b>	
September 18, 2011	\$8,171.00
September 25, 2011	\$8,517.00

The next **Epistle** will be published on Monday, October 10. **Please have any articles for publication turned in by Sunday, 5:00pm, October 9.**