

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

On last weekend our nation paused to honor the birthday and the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For many of us, it was a weekend filled with worship, inspiring sermons/speeches, and acts of service. These are all fitting ways to honor a man who was a Christian preacher who, in the prophetic tradition of Jesus Christ worked to make our world better. If however, we do nothing more beyond what we did on last weekend until the next King Holiday weekend, then we have missed the point of what the King celebration should do for us.

I offer to you these words of Dr. King. "He who accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps perpetuate it. He accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it." As believers in the risen Christ, we must be intentional about not accepting evil and protesting against evil in ANY MANIFESTATION, even and especially "wickedness (evil) in high places." For far too long, the church has minimized our understanding of what evil is, relegating it to that which is trivial and allows us to be condescending and mean spirited to certain people. This in itself is evil.

The 21st century church must recapture the zeal and the focus of the 1st century church and be committed to "turning our world upside down." We must dedicate ourselves, our lives, and our church to being a movement that seeks to bring transformation in the lives of people and in the life of a community as we preach, teach, and practice the gospel of Jesus Christ. If we are committed to such, we will watch and witness the Lord do amazing things in our personal lives, in our church, and in our community.

PLEASE join me today (and in the days ahead) that God will allow and permit us to be such a congregation, and to experience the joy and responsibility of being such a life changing, life giving congregation. We can be such, as we sincerely devote ourselves to the basic principles and practices of our Christian faith.

I look forward to EVERY SLBC disciple being engaged in spiritual growth that will enable and allow our congregation to grow more in love with God, one another, God's will, God's Word and with our local community and world! To that end, we labor together.

I love you with all of my love!

Pastor Clayton

Let's stay connected. Become my friend on  www.facebook.com/kdrclayton; Follow me on  @kdrclayton or on  @kdrclayton.

St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, January 21, 2018
7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

Invocation/The Call to Worship

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #164 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The Affirmation of Unity

"Lord Make Us One"

"Lord make us one as we enter your house. Lord make us one as we open our hearts. Lord make us one as we lift our voices. Give us one faith confirmed in baptism. Give us one love, from heart to heart. Give us one hope as we open your word. Give us one prayer for you are our Father. Give us one song that the angels can't sing. Give us one praise as we lift up your name! Lord make us one, Lord make us one."

The Ministry of Music

Words of Welcome to Our First Time Guests, Returning Visitors, and ALL Gathered in Worship

The Ministry of Music

The Morning Message

Pastor Clayton

The Invitation to Salvation, Christian Discipleship, and Church Membership

This invitation is extended for you to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. It is also an invitation for those who are already Christians who are in search of a church home. This is a holy moment when people are making a decision that will affect their eternity. Please respect those making a decision for the Lord by limiting your movement and conversation during the invitation.

The Offertory Prayer

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Tithing Affirmation

(If you believe in John 3:16 you must also believe in Malachi 3:8-10.)

Leader: We are called to be a **tithing** church because the Word of God teaches **tithing**, our experience gives witness to **tithing**, our obedience to God requires **tithing**, and our blessings come as a result of **tithing**.

People: **Tithing** blesses the heart by making it receptive to God's will. **Tithing** blesses the life by lifting it to a higher plane of grace. **Tithing** blesses the hands by making them willing to do God's work. **Tithing** blesses the mind by giving it the satisfaction of doing the right thing. **Tithing** blesses the nine-tenths that remain because God has been honored. **Tithing** blesses the individual by giving each a part in God's world-wide program. **Tithing** blesses the church by enabling it to carry out a greater ministry.

Leader: Then let us bring our **tithes** and offerings to the Lord as He has prospered us, for the "tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offering *"Bring ye all the tithes (and offerings) into the storehouse." (Malachi 3:8-10)*

The General Offering

(Ushers and Trustees will NOT make change PLEASE do not ask)

The Pastoral Observations

The Benediction

Our Departing Affirmation

"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord"

From Worship to Service...

Please note that the order of worship is under the direction of the Holy Spirit and is subject to change without notice.

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Six Ways To Give At SLBC

As a disciple of SLBC, you are encouraged to provide consistent and regular financial support of our ministry by one of the following 6 means:



In Person

With Your Membership Envelope
(On Sunday or During Church Office Hours)



Online

www.stlukebaptist.org
(Anytime)



In Our Bookstore

Using Your Debit Card
(Anytime the Bookstore is Open or During Church Office Hours)



SLBC Mobile App

(Anytime)



Givelify Mobile App

(Anytime)



Mail

St. Luke Baptist Church
139 Carroll Street
Paterson, NJ 07501
Attn: Church Business Administrator

Your regular support and generosity is encouraged and greatly appreciated.



**Visit the SLBC Bookstore Today
Christian books, Bibles, and other
products can be purchased in the
SLBC Bookstore.**

This week the Bookstore is open:

Sunday

9:45am – 10:45am

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

“This week we are challenged to pray that God will keep His hand on St. Luke and empower us to help heal our community.”

The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Jennifer M. Davis Gloria McCalley Demetrious Walker
Delores Freeland Leonerd Proctor
Suzette Hinds-Mohammed Diane Stucks

Who Made Decisions for Christ! And To

Quiama Harris Melvina McClain Deborah M. Taylor

Who Received the Right Hand of Fellowship on Last Sunday!



This building is handicap accessible by ramp at the rear of the building. If you need assistance, please see any member of the Security Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, or an Usher.

There are parking spaces reserved for the physically challenged.

How Do I????

As our church by God's grace continues to grow, many times new disciples (as well as longtime disciples) have problems knowing how to contact the church and the church leaders when the need arises. Please govern yourself by the following:



DEATH: Family members of SLBC disciples should contact the Church Office with the news of death as soon as possible. A service of worship and repast will be planned according to the church guidelines for disciples of our congregation. For the relatives of SLBC disciples, an appropriate expression/acknowledgement will be sent as an expression of sympathy. When notifying the church of a relative's death, please have all of the vital information.



WEDDINGS: Couples interested in getting married at SLBC must be SLBC disciples (either prospective bride or groom). The first step is to contact the Church Office to see if the date is available. Couples will then receive a wedding package in the mail which details all of the requirements, fees, etc. Couples being married at SLBC must attend premarital classes. Weddings for persons who are not SLBC disciples are occasionally permitted according to the church's calendar.



HOSPITALIZATION: When a disciple of SLBC is hospitalized our church desires to express our care and concern. If you are unable to call yourself, please have a family member or a hospital staff person contact the Church Office.



APPOINTMENTS: Our Pastor and Staff are available to meet with SLBC disciples BY APPOINTMENT. The office is open daily, but please do not just “show up” and expect to be seen. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Also remember that Sunday IS NOT the day to schedule an appointment, to discuss or engage in business unrelated to worship.



INFANT DEDICATIONS: Infant dedications are performed as an opportunity for parents to express thanks to God for allowing them to be parents and to consecrate the life of the child and family to Christ and the church. To inquire about a specific date, please call the Church Office.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“The one who lives for this life only will have eternity to regret it.”

WELCOME TO ST LUKE...

Hope Lives Here, Freedom is Found Here, Changed Lives Leave Here

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, the Pastoral Staff, Leaders, and the entire SLBC Family would like to extend to you a heartfelt **WELCOME!** We invite you to experience the presence of God as you worship with us. If you are new to the area and have no church home, we would love for you to become a part of the St. Luke Family. Please come forward at the end of the sermon and we will gladly share with you the reality of Jesus Christ and how to become a disciple of Christ through St. Luke. From your visit with us today we hope that you will feel the love of Christ and the sweet fellowship that comes from our love for Him. This is our special way of providing a rewarding and memorable worship experience. Visitors are not expected to give during the offertory period. Our ministry is supported by the committed disciples of our congregation. If you desire to give an offering, we thank you for your gift. God bless you and thank you for your visit with us. If you leave the sanctuary during the preaching moment you will be asked to wait in the overflow until after the message and the Invitation to Christian discipleship has been extended. Thank you for your cooperation as we seek to honor and respect the preaching moment.

TODAY

- 2017 Contribution Request Forms are now available at both entrances of the Church. Completing and submitting this form is **THE ONLY** means by which your contribution statement will be given to you.
- Following the 7:30am Worship Service representatives from the Legal Assistance Ministry will be available to answer any basic legal questions in the A.M. Tyler Conference Room.
- Following BOTH worship services voter registration will take place. If you are 18 years of age or older, not registered, recently changed your name or address, PLEASE see a member of the Social/Political Action Committee to (re)register in the foyer.
- Pastor Clayton would like to extend Happy Birthday wishes to all who celebrate a birthday this week AND Happy Wedding Anniversary to all couples who may celebrate their wedding anniversary this week!
- SLBC Ministry Leaders, please check your ministry mailboxes.

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When you are unable to be in worship physically, you can worship with us via livestream at <http://831vision.com/Pastor-Kenneth-Clayton/>



The Children's Nursery is open for "King's Kids" during our 10:50am Worship Service for infants to children age 6 in Founders Hall. Parents with infants may view the services via closed circuit TV in the Chapel.



Van Service is available for our 10:50am Worship Service every Sunday. To secure van service, please call the Church Office at (973) 345-4309 no later than Friday at 4:00pm.

Attention All SLBC Ministries and Disciples

- **ALL** eating and drinking is restricted to Founders Hall **AT ALL TIMES!** All ministries that hold meetings and rehearsals, please be advised of this restriction, abide by it and inform all ministry participants.
- The SLBC Administrative Staff is asking **ALL** ministries to please regularly check and clean out your ministry mailbox.
- The Fair Street entrance is NOT to be used as a regular entrance/exit. It is only to be used when supervised by a member of our Security Ministry and authorized by Pastor Clayton or designated Church Leadership.

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 22 – Sunday, January 28, 2018

Monday, January 22, 2018

7:00 AM	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
5:30 PM	The Children’s Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry.	Tuskegee Room
5:30 PM	D.S. Education Alliance Performing Arts	St. Luke Learning Center
6:00 PM	New Discipleship Class – Class #4	New Discipleship Room
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Exercise Class	Founders Hall

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
5:30 PM	The Children’s Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
7:00 PM	The Men’s Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
7:00 PM	The Adult Ushers will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

6:30 AM	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
11:30 AM	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
12:00 NOON	Noonday Bible Study. Please read John chapters 15 and 16 as we study Jesus the True Vine.	Overflow
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
5:30 PM	The Children’s Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry.	Tuskegee Room
6:45 PM	Evening Prayer Service. The Men of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 nd Peter chapter 2:17-22 as we study False Freedom.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. Please read Nehemiah Chapter 11 as we study Becoming Godly Leaders.	Chapel

Thursday, January 25, 2018

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
5:30 PM	The Children’s Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
7:00 PM	The Men’s Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
9:00 PM	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Friday, January 26, 2018

6:00 PM	All teens are invited to join us for a night of fun and fellowship at Fun Fuzion, Westchester County’s only indoor amusement park. We will be leaving the church at 6:00pm. The cost is \$25 and includes one session of Laser Tag and 2 hours of unlimited arcade play. Parents must sign up their children in the bookstore today or contact Deacon Clayton at the church office to make payment arrangements. The deadline to sign up is TODAY.	
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Saturday, January 27, 2018

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
4:00 PM	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Sunday, January 28, 2018

7:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 AM	Early Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes	
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #1	New Discipleship Room
10:50 AM	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary

The Month Ahead

Prayer Leaders:

The following SLBC Ministries are EXPECTED to lead SLBC in prayer in Wednesday evening Prayer Service at 6:45pm assisted by the Deacons of SLBC.

January 31st – Floral Ministry

February 7th – Deacons, Deaconess and Trustees

February 14th – **NO PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY**

February 21st – Adult Ushers

February 28th – Young Adult Ministry

Sunday, February 11, 2018

At 3:00pm SLBC will host the 2018 Black History Month Celebration sponsored by Senator Bob Menendez.

Sunday, February 18, 2018

At 4:00pm we will celebrate in the Lord's Supper (Communion). In conjunction with this service the Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees will celebrate their service to our congregation. Our special guest will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson, Sr. and the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ of New York, NY.

Sunday, March 4, 2018

In a United Worship Service at 9:30am we will have the Installation of our 2018 Ministry Leaders.

At 4:00pm we will welcome and host the East Carolina University Gospel Choir in concert here at SLBC.



Register To Vote

Every 3rd Sunday the SLBC/Political Action Committee does voter registration in the Foyer.



Become a Member of the NAACP

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

DID YOU KNOW????????????????

High Blood Pressure, or Hypertension, is a major reason that people develop heart disease, kidney failure, and strokes...



The Health and Wholeness Ministry provides FREE Blood Pressure Screening



When: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
Where: Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room
Time: 9:45am – 10:45am

When blood pressure is under control, the risk of developing heart disease, kidney failure, or stroke is lower.



Please Remember In Your Prayers



Those Hospitalized or In: Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Brother Johnny Brown
Saint Barnabas Medical Center
Livingston, NJ

Sister Mae Jones
Advanced Care Center at Wayne
Wayne, NJ

Deacon Jack Moore
NJ Veterans Memorial
Paramus, NJ

Sister Connie Clayton
Chestnut Convalescent Center
Passaic, NJ

Sister Dorothy Moore
Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center
Paterson, NJ

Sister Nellie Reed
Atrium at Wayne Care Center
Wayne, NJ

Those Recovering at Home:

Sister Gloria Battle
Sister Jean Battle
Sister Mabel Biggs
Sister Edna Black
Sister Laverne Bowman
Sister Bertha Buffaloe
Sister Bessie Buffaloe
Brother Joseph Clayton, Jr.
Sister Tonya Clayton

Sister Mary DeGroat
Sister Edith Douglas
Sister Wendy Drakeford
Sister Beulah Jackson
Sister Rachel Jackson
Brother Anthony Johnson
Sister Damita McClam
Sister Georgiana Rogers

Sister Stephanie Samuels
Sister Lucille Sumter
Sister Mary Thomas-Carter
Sister Patricia Thompson
Sister Cynthia Thorne
Sister Miriam Threet
Brother Irving Watkins, Sr.
Sister Ola Mae Whitaker

Those In Need of Healing and Strength:

Sister Thwana Bowman
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.

Sister Jennifer Foxworth
Sister Hattie Haynesworth

Sister Patricia Myles
Sister Ethel Thomas

Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:

Edward Fairley
Justin Keith
Vincent McDuffie

Chamar Myles
Kevin Malik Myles
Wilmyra Nero

Frederick Simpson
Rashad State
Denzel Thompson

Our Deacons of the Week:

Linton Gaines

Vivian Gaines

****To add your name or the name of a loved one to any of these areas, please call the Church Office at extension 11 for directions/details.***



Please Remember In Your Prayers



Our Extended Family:

Herman Austin

Constance Fletcher

Mary Ford

Harrie Graham

Lovey Gray

Leslie Johnson

James Lee

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney

Otis McKay

Mack Simpkins, Jr.

Johnnie Sims, Jr.

Glenda Smith

SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:

Mychal Alexander (nephew of Mary Baskerville)

Keon Arrick (son of Stacy and Bridget Arrick)

Jah'mel Ayers (nephew of Sister Cynthia Toppin) who is in Kuwait

Rose Marie Berry (niece of Cleophus Pelt)

Akeem Fraser.

Maximillian Johnson (cousin of Antionette Brevard) who is in Japan

Gregory Jones (nephew of Mary Buckingham) who is in Iraq

Javon Riddick (grandson of Mary Wade)

Mystic Smith (niece of Tanya Williams)

Kareem Stephen

Jabir Williams

Nyree Wilson

Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

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Helping Hand Ministry's 2017 Mission Gifts

NuSplash – A non-profit organization established in 2013 with a mission to deliver news in an online format, concentrating on community, people and events, partnering with brands like McDonald's, The Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Paterson Public Schools, local churches and many others. The programs and events enhance the educational experiences, health and wellness opportunities, and overall quality of life for people in low-income neighborhoods.
www.nusplash.com

Paterson Education Fund (PEF) – Founded in 1983 PEF is the leader on education in Paterson. Their reputation is a non-bureaucratic community group with a focus on their mission statement: "Works to stimulate community action for change so that the Paterson Public Schools ensure that all Paterson children achieve high academic standards." Program focus includes Chronic Absenteeism & Suspension; ESSA State Plans (NJDOE); Counselors NOT Cops. www.paterson-education.org

St. Jude's Children's Hospital – Founded in 1962 St. Jude's works to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. www.stjude.org

Teens2bheard – Paterson-based non-profit organization founded in 2012. Teens2bheard was organized out of a need to help teenagers develop holistically, before they get into trouble or go down a "bad path" in their lives. Programs are designed to provide a safe haven and a "judgment-free" environment where teens learn while having fun, develop self-esteem, create wholesome, healthy recreation, as well as leadership development.
teens2bheard.org

The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey (SCANJ) 501c3 – Founded in 2009, SCANJ (located in Newark, NJ) has initiated the NJ Sickle Cell Poster Child & Teen Spokesperson Program and assisted families affected by sickle cell disease. SCANJ has educated and raised awareness through their website, newsletters, brochures, road trips, workshops & seminars and special events. SCANJ Mission: "To advocate for and enhance the ability to improve the quality of health, life and services for individuals and families affected by sickle cell disease." www.sicklecellnewjersey.org

**On Sunday, January 7, 2018, SLBC through the Helping Hand Ministry presented the following organizations mission gifts. Though they were awarded in 2018, they represented our 2017 awards. THANKS to all SLBC disciples for your committed giving that enables us to give. PLEASE give regularly your tithe, offerings, and your gifts for Missions and Benevolence.*

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Stanley DeVore

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 Facebook
facebook.com/slbcpat

 Facebook for Youth Ministry
facebook.com/SLBCYouth

 Facebook for Young Adult Ministry
facebook.com/SLBCYAM

 Facebook for CDC
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 Twitter
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The SLBC Mobile App Is Now Available For Google and Apple Mobile Devices. Devices include: Androids, iPads, iPods and iPhones



SLBC Newsletter

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St. Luke Is a Member of and Supports:

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National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. – www.nationalbaptist.com  facebook.com/nationalbaptistconvention/

United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. – www.umbcnj.org  United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc.

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A MESSAGE FROM “REV. AISHA”



Greetings St. Luke Family,

I trust you have all had a blessed week and are looking forward to the week ahead. Many of us, in just the first few weeks of this New Year, have experienced difficulty, loss, tragedy and disappointment. What we thought was going to be an enjoyable season has turned out to be a time of turmoil. What is most important is that during times of trouble, we must not give up. The enemy would want our faith to shrink during difficult times. But the Lord is a constant help and promises to give us peace. My prayers are with those who have had a rough start to the New Year. Know that God is with you and promises to never leave you.

Children’s, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry Announcements/Reminders

Youth Ministry Outing – FunFuzion in Westchester, NY

All teens are invited to join us on Friday, January 26th for a night of fun and fellowship at Fun Fuzion, Westchester County’s only indoor amusement park. We will be leaving the church at 6:00pm. The cost is \$25 and includes one session of Laser Tag and 2 hours of unlimited arcade play. Parents must sign up their children in the bookstore today or contact Deacon Clayton at the church office to make payment arrangements. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 21st.

Youth Ministry Fall Mission Project

Our youth ministry has partnered with CUMAC, a non-profit organization whose mission is to feed people and alleviate hunger in Paterson, Passaic County, and Northern NJ to support their feeding efforts by collecting plastic grocery bags. CUMAC uses 20,000+ bags every month to feed those in need. Our goal is to collect 75,000 bags between now and the end of the year. Please bring in your gently used plastic bags any time and place them in the receptacles that will be placed in each lobby. Thank you for your support! **Our plastic bag drive will end on Sunday, January 28th. Please continue to bring in your bags before the deadline.**

Young Adult Bible Study

All young adults (ages 19-35) are encouraged and invited to attend Young Adult Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Our study and knowledge of God’s Word is integral to our spiritual development. We meet in the chapel and we hope to see you there! **Please read Nehemiah Chapter 11 for our next lesson on January 24th as we continue our series on *Becoming Godly Leaders*.**

Youth Ministry – F.R.E.E. Fridays

All youth, ages 13-18, are welcome to join us for F.R.E.E. Fridays **every Friday at 7:00pm (except the 1st Friday of the month)**. F.R.E.E. Fridays provide an opportunity for our teens to learn more about Christ through relevant and meaningful discussions and activities. All sessions are held at the Youth Center at Christ House (269 Fair Street).

Children’s Ministry - J.A.M. City

All parents of children, ages 5-12, are invited and encouraged to become a part of our children’s ministry, J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) City. **J.A.M. City meets EVERY FRIDAY EXCEPT THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH at 7:00pm at the St. Luke Learning Center, 128 Carroll Street.** J.A.M. City is dedicated to providing a space where our children can learn about Christ while having fun. The children participate in various learning, recreational, and community service activities...and so much more! Please make sure that your children are a part of our Children’s Ministry. Let’s work together to ensure that their lives are built on a firm foundation...Jesus Christ.

Please contact me for more information on how you and/or your children can become a part of these awesome ministries.

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Rev. Aisha

amtaylor@stlukebaptist.org



St. Luke CDC is a nonprofit 501©(3) community based organization located in Paterson, NJ. St. Luke CDC was established by St. Luke Baptist Church in 1997 under the direction of the Rev. Kenneth Clayton to serve as a catalyst for economic and community development in the City of Paterson and Passaic County.

As a not for profit entity, the St. Luke CDC aims to:

- Establish programs and services to the broad and diverse socio-economic needs of the residents of Paterson and Passaic County.
- Provide leadership in and form partnerships with private and public sector institutions to improve the quality of life for residents of Paterson and Passaic County.

The CDC currently operates

*** After School Program (ASAP)**

*** House of Mercy**

(Women's Transitional House)

*** Summer Camp (Kamp Kreative Kidz)**

*** St. Luke CDF Freedom School®**

www.childrensdefense.org

*** St. Luke CDC Computer Lab**

*** The Literacy Projects**

- a) Computer Literacy
- b) Children's Literacy
- c) Adult Literacy
- d) Public Speaking Class

***The Re-Entry Program**

Services provided to aid incarcerated individuals who are released from jail to re-acclimate themselves into society.



*** Counseling Services**

Feeling overwhelmed, seeking support, struggling with changing addictive behaviors, suffering from mental health symptoms? Counseling provides a healthy way to address these concerns. Through an integrative approach in individual and group settings we will work to improve coping skills and resilience in dealing with mental health and co-occurring disorder. Call for a consultation or information, please call Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC via phone at (973) 977-8201, via fax at (973) 977-8202 or via email at tharris@stlukebaptist.org.

*** Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center**

If you are interested in volunteering at Christhouse, PLEASE call (973) 345-5300.

For the weeks of Monday, January 8th – Saturday, January 13th Christhouse served 203 individuals!

We remain thankful to those who support Christhouse with generous food and clothing donations. As we strive to continue this work we solicit your financial support and your donations of the following nonperishable food items:

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Pasta | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Rice | Tuna Fish |
| Ramen Noodles | Vienna Sausage |



as well as clothing in all sizes items for: Men Women Boys
Girls Infants Toddlers



Ways to Give:



Givelify Mobile App

Go to "Charities" and **Select:** Saint Luke CDC

OR

Online at

<http://www.stlukecdc.org/donations.html>

To find out more about the St. Luke CDC, go to the St. Luke CDC link on the St. Luke website www.stlukebaptist.org, or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/slcdc](https://www.facebook.com/slcdc).

Tithing Calculator

Weekly Income	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%
\$100	\$10	\$11	\$12	\$13	\$14	\$15
\$150	15	16.50	18	19.50	21	22.50
\$200	20	22.00	24	26.00	28	30.00
\$250	25	27.50	30	32.50	35	37.50
\$300	30	33.00	36	39.00	42	45.00
\$350	35	38.50	42	45.50	49	52.50
\$400	40	44.00	48	52.00	56	60.00
\$450	45	49.50	54	58.50	63	67.50
\$500	50	55.00	60	65.00	70	75.00
\$550	55	60.50	66	71.50	77	82.50
\$600	60	66.00	72	78.00	84	90.00
\$650	65	71.50	78	84.50	91	97.50
\$700	70	77.00	84	91.00	98	105.00
\$750	75	82.50	90	97.50	105	112.50
\$800	80	88.00	96	104.00	112	120.00
\$850	85	93.50	102	110.50	119	127.50
\$900	90	99.00	108	117.00	126	135.00
\$950	95	104.50	114	123.50	133	142.50
\$1,000	100	110.00	120	130.00	140	150.00
\$1,050	105	115.50	126	136.50	147	157.50
\$1,100	110	121.00	132	143.00	154	165.00
\$1,150	115	126.50	138	149.50	161	172.50
\$1,200	120	132.00	144	156.00	168	180.00
\$1,250	125	137.50	150	162.50	175	187.50
\$1,300	130	143.00	156	169.00	182	195.00
\$1,350	135	148.50	162	175.50	189	202.50
\$1,400	140	154.00	168	182.00	196	210.00

The Tithing Calculator is posted to help us better understand and determine what an actual tithe (or Tenth) is based on our income.

Christian disciples who obey the Word of God, tithe in response to the Lord's command, in light of the Lord's graciousness and also to ensure that the local congregation has all that she needs to do ministry that honors the Lord, equips individuals and to build a wholesome Christian community. (Malachi 3:8-10)

If you are not yet a committed part of our "tithing community" we encourage you to prayerfully trust God today, pray and begin surrendering your life to His will in this and every area of your life.

Let the words of Jesus become real and evident in your life according to Matthew 6:33, *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

You cannot believe in John 3:16 and NOT believe in Malachi 3:8-10!



Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

Sunday Mornings at 9:45am

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Beginners	Dea. Vivian Clayton and Sis. Kendalyn Sumter	128 Carroll Street
Primary (ages 6-8)	Sis. Pamela Jones	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Junior (ages 9-11)	Sis. Tiesha Williams	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth Male (ages 12-14)	Bro. Robert Whitehead	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth Female (ages 12-14)	Sis. Gail Allen	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth (ages 15-19)	Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah	Youth Center/269 Fair Street, 2 nd Fl
Young Adult Women (ages 19-35)	Sis. Tiffany Smith	Bryant/Eaton Prayer Room
Women	Dea. Vivian Gaines	Sanctuary
New Discipleship Class	Dea. Gregory Anderson, Linton Gaines, and Cleophus Pelt	New Discipleship Room
Children's New Discipleship Class	Bro. Stacy Arrick, Sr. and Sis. Susan Corbin	Tuskegee Room
Men's Bible Study Class	Pastor Clayton	Chapel

St. Luke Baptist Church

As "A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known!"

WE ARE STRIVING TO BE:

A Christian Church: Jesus Is The Head, We Are The Body. Ephesians 5:23; 1st Corinthians 12:12-28

A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 2nd Timothy 2:15; James 1:22

A Praying Church: We Pray Without Ceasing. Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 2; 42; Acts 12:5; Luke 18:1

A Spirit Filled Church: We Surrender To the Holy Ghost. Romans 12; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:11-16

A Tithing Church: We Give Back 10% Of All God Gives To Us. Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23 Luke 6:38; 1st Corinthians 16: 1-2

A Loving Church: We Visit, Care, & Build Up Each Other. John 14:21; John 15:9-13; 1st Corinthians 13

A Growing Church: We Mature and Bear Good Fruit. Matthew 7:17; John 15:8; Romans 7:4; Galatians 5:22-23

A Prophetic Church: God Breaks Yokes through St. Luke. Isaiah 6:1; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 3:4-9; Luke 4

A Witnessing Church: We Spare No Expense To Win Souls. Matthew 18:11; Luke 15; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15

A Learning Church: We Learn/Teach Bible, History, Etc. Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Proverbs 22: 6; Acts 8:31

A Community Serving Church: We Help People In Need. Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-15; 1st John 3:17

A Joyful Church: We Celebrate/Claim Victory. Psalm 100:2; Nehemiah 8:10; 1st Corinthians 15:57

A Working Church: Every Member Works for God. Nehemiah 4:6; John 6:29; John 9:4

A Friendly Church: Gratitude Is Our Attitude: We Love Our Brothers And Sisters As Ourselves. Psalm 150; John 15:14; Hebrews 13:1-3



Attention Parents of SLBC...

"J.A.M. City"

will be in session

Friday, February 2, 2018

at 7:00pm



(ages 5-12)

are invited to be present
and bring a friend!

REMINDER:

"F.R.E.E. Fridays"

will meet

Friday, January 26, 2018

at 6:00pm



ALL TEENS

(ages 13-18)

are invited to be present and bring a friend!

U.S. Senator Bob Menendez

Cordially Invites You To



The Seventh Annual

“Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”

Black History Month Celebration

2018 Honorees:

- African American Chamber of Commerce
- African American Heritage Parade and Festival Organization
- NJ Institute for Social Justice

**Sunday, February 11, 2018 at
3:00 p.m.** (Doors open at 2:30pm)

St. Luke Baptist Church
139 A.M. Tyler Place (Carroll Street)
Paterson, NJ 07501

Host Pastor: Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton

Mistress of Ceremonies: Michellene Davis, Esq.

To RSVP please call
973-645-5967
or visit

<https://menendez.senate.gov/bhm-rsvp>

A light dinner will be served immediately following the program.

Attention SLBC Disciples...



SLBC Prayer Times

Sunday – 7:00am

Wednesday – 6:30am in the Chapel
– 11:30am in the Overflow
– 6:45pm in the Sanctuary

REGULARLY pray about the printed prayer concerns, weekly prayer emphasis and pray for sick, hospitalized, recovering, college students, relatives in the military, etc.

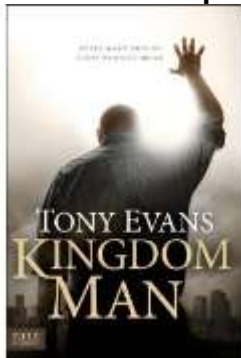
NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?

The Bryant-Eaton Prayer Room is open during Church Office hours, on Sundays, and when evening activities are held.

Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC
for
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am
in the Chapel



Read Chapter 14

“A Kingdom Man and His Church Life”

Attention Ladies of the Luke...

Join the SLBC Women's Ministry
for
Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, February 3rd and 10th
9:00am



Book is available for purchase in
Bookstore.

Cost - \$10.00

The Beginning of Our Lenten Journey...2018

On Tuesday, February 13, 2018 we will begin our 2018 Lenten Journey. Plan and prepare **NOW** to join us as we:

FAST on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 6:00am-6:00pm and each **WEDNESDAY** during Lent. Throughout the day as you are fasting, **PRAY** for a closer walk and greater commitment to Christ, and for a more obedient life as a disciple of Jesus Christ

BREAK THE FAST at 6:00pm on February 13th in Founders Hall and on each **WEDNESDAY** during Lent.

WORSHIP at 7:00pm in Pre-Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome.



PARTICIPATE in our Lenten Journey. Share in our designated weeks of abstaining from foods/practices; **FAST** on Wednesdays; **READ** our Lenten Devotional; **SACRIFICE** for missions by saving an amount designated by you each day of Lent to be given on Resurrection Sunday for local and foreign missions support; and be serious about deepening your faith that we might live resurrected lives and lead unsaved/unchurched people to new life in Christ.

COMMIT to deepening your discipleship **DURING** and **AFTER** Lent by participating in Bible Study, Congregational Prayer, and participating in a service ministry.

Ezra 8:23

“So we fasted and earnestly prayed that our God would take care of us and He heard our prayers.”

Matthew 17:21

“However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”



Notes

"I will delight in your principles and not forget your word."

Psalm 119:16

Date: _____

Scripture Text: _____

Preacher/Messenger: _____

Subject: _____

Sermon Notes:

How Should This Sermon Influence My Christian Growth and Service?:

Special Points to Consider:

Our Response To Today's Message

As we are being challenged to be HEARERS and DOERS of the Word, we are being called to a serious response to each message/sermon that we hear. The following pattern has been designed to encourage each of us to hear the WORD and LIVE IT!!!

First, READ

the sermon text slowly, meditatively and expectantly three times. Allow God's Word to be your primary focus. As you read, listen for God's message to His people both then and for you now. Ask yourself, "What truth is God calling me to learn and live out today?" (5 minutes)

Second, REFLECT

in the scripture. Record your observations. Note those things which stand out, pique your interest or make you wonder. Pay attention to the names of people, places, special events, sequences, repetition, patterns, etc. Note the use of verbs and verb tenses. (10 minutes)

Next, RETREAT

in prayer. Take two or three minutes to share your prayer concerns with God. Then devote the balance of your prayer time to silently and expectantly listening for God's words to you. Record both your prayers and God's response.

Finally, RESPOND

with action! God's answer to prayer almost always calls for a corresponding act on the part of those to whom God has given His Word. As the Lord addresses the prayers you have set before Him, ask yourself, "What is the one thing I will do in light of what I have discovered today?" Record this and commit to carrying it out today.