



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

402 SOUTH SCOTT STREET
SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA 35768



The Mission of St. Luke's

Reflecting God's love and grace,
we glorify God
and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
through faithful prayer and worship,
a nurturing fellowship,
and service to God's people
within our community
and around the world.

Our Worship

St. Luke's offers a traditional worship service, with an open welcoming spirit centered around The Holy Eucharist as outlined in The Book of Common Prayer. Members take comfort in the language of both Rite I and Rite II, and they actively participate in worship as Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, Ushers, and as members of the Choir, the Altar Guild, and the Flower Guild.

A Typical Week of Services

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Songs of Praise, Bradford Hall
	9:30	Holy Eucharist
	10:45	Coffee and Fellowship
	11:00	Christian Formation
Wednesday	11:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	Noon	Women's Wednesday Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Feed on the Word, Supper and Study
	6:15	EYC (Youth Group) Supper, Devotional, and Program



Special Services of the Liturgical Year

Advent

Christmas Eve

Ash Wednesday

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter

Pentecost



Our History



The original Gothic wood frame church on North Broad Street.

Episcopalians have worshipped in Scottsboro for over 155 years. Services were conducted during the 1850's in private homes, a school building, and a building shared by other churches. Services were often held on Sunday afternoons, conducted usually by priests from the Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, our "mother church."

St. Luke's formally entered the Diocese of Alabama in 1878. Our first church building was a Gothic-style frame building with handcrafted oak woodwork, located near the railroad on North Broad Street. According to the Alabama Herald, the first service was held in that building on September 2, 1878. The building served St. Luke's for over 70 years.

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The dedication and sacrifice of fewer than ten Episcopal families led to the 1949 construction of the present church building on the corner of Scott Street and College

Avenue. The consecration service in 1950 included the dedication of a specially designed stained glass window. This window, inset behind the altar, was designed and built in New York City. In addition to depicting Christ as the Good Shepherd, it also includes the symbols of St. Luke and an image of the original church that was located on Broad Street.

The handcrafted roof trusses in the nave, the pews, chancel rail, altar, handcrafted baptismal font and the exterior roof cross were all moved from the first church. The pulpit was hand carved by a parishioner and given in memory of his mother. The lectern, in memory of another parishioner, was carved to match. The church bell has sounded the beginning of Episcopal worship services in Scottsboro for more than a century.





*Main entrance of St. Luke's opening onto South Scott Street.
© Drawing by Nancy Bradford.*

St. Luke's was a mission church from its beginning, served by priests from Huntsville's Church of the Nativity. During the years of World War II, seminarians from the School of Theology at Sewanee served St. Luke's. The congregation called its first rector in 1961, and St. Luke's became an independent parish in the 1980's.

The interior of the church building was renovated in 1967-8 with the addition of paneling, a new altar rail, and choir pews. In the 1970s and 80s, two neighboring houses were purchased and used as a rectory, parish hall, and Sunday School. Following a successful capital funds campaign in 1990-1992, an activities building was constructed on the site of these neighborhood houses, designed to complement the brick church building. The activities building was dedicated in 1992, and fully paid for in three years. Property adjoining the church was purchased later and provides additional parking space. Our church basement has undergone several stages of renovation through the years and currently is used by both church and community groups.

We are thankful for all those who came before and worked so hard to maintain an Episcopal presence in northeast Alabama.



Our Ministries

WITHIN THE PARISH



The Altar Guild

Volunteers prepare the altar for worship, including the celebration of Holy Eucharist each Sunday and on special occasions as needed.

The Flower Guild

Volunteers arrange altar flowers each Sunday as requested by parishioners to commemorate individuals or events in their lives, as appropriate in the liturgical year. The Guild decorates the church for special services, i.e. Christmas, Easter, and other occasions.

The Acolyte Ministry

Acolytes lead the processional and assist the priest in the service of Holy Eucharist. Incorporating students in grades four through twelve, the acolytes are an important, thriving component of all services at St. Luke's.

The Music Ministry

Incorporating music from the 1982 Hymnal and the Alleluia Songbook III, St. Luke's congregation complements the spoken Liturgy with modest but devoted congregational singing. The small choir performs about once a month. Guest vocalists and musicians from the larger community are frequently invited to enhance our worship. Several parishioners gather to sing praise and worship songs prior to the 9:30 a.m. service.



Daughters of the King

Established 25 January 2008, the Ruth Chapter of St. Luke's is a dedicated group of 16 women who meet once each month to share prayers and a meal. Maintaining a Corporate Prayer List, the Chapter prays regularly for our church, our clergy, our parishioners, and others upon request.

The Christian Formation Ministry

Rally Day

St. Luke's begins each new year in Christian Formation with Rally Day, the first Sunday after Labor Day. This family-oriented day features a picnic lunch and outdoor games and activities. Christian Formation classes begin on the following Sunday morning, following the 9:30 worship service.



Preschool - Kindergarten

Our youngest parishioners begin their formation with Godly Play.

Recently, one of our parents with young children was certified in leading the program by the Godly Play Foundation.



Grades I-4

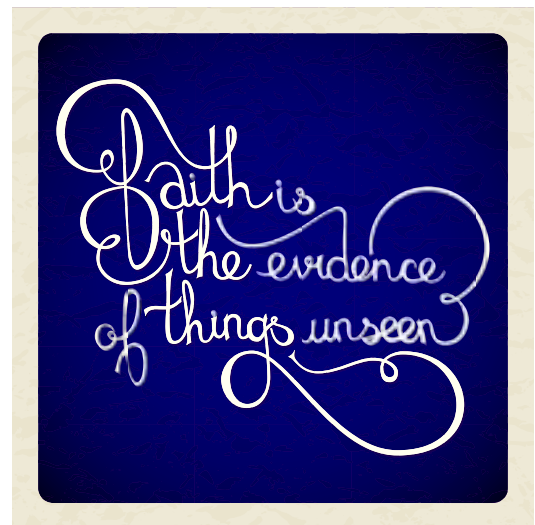
Children continue their education in the stories of the Bible with guided reading in Scripture, music, and hands-on activities.

Grades 5-12

Older children and teens engage in deeper study of the Bible and prayer. In recent years, the youth have demonstrated a healthy appetite for tools for an authentic faith, and they often initiate topics of study without prompting from adult leadership. Additional weekly spiritual study is provided through EYC meetings.

Adults

Usually led by parishioners, the Sunday adult class has an average attendance of 15 to 18 people. Recent topics have included readings from the Lectionary and its relevance to our lives, and the history of St. Luke's. A visiting seminarian led a four-week study and discussion group of Rowan Williams' book, *Being Christian*, which was enthusiastically attended. Our priest has offered a study and discussion group on Wednesday evenings, Feed on the Word, with an average attendance of 7 to 10 people.



EYC Youth Ministry

A small but tightly knit group, the youth are vital to the life of St. Luke's, and we are committed to helping them develop their faith in God as they grow up in an unsteady and confusing world. Each Wednesday evening, the youth group (averaging 10 to 15) gathers to share a meal and a period of study, prayer, and fellowship. In the coming years, we hope to continue to empower our youth in the life of our parish through Christian Formation, vocational discernment, and even greater participation in worship and ministry.



Our Ministries

BEYOND THE PARISH

St. Luke's Pantry

Established May of 2013, the Pantry serves an average of 100 families each month with a modest assortment of groceries. The Pantry ministry, St. Luke's work of outreach in our community, is available the first Saturday of each month.



Room in the Inn

Established in the Fall of 2014, Room in the Inn provides an evening meal and a warm bed to the homeless each night during the coldest months of the year, December through March. In rotation with a number of other churches collaborating in the program, St. Luke's hosted guests approximately every other week.

Church in the Community

Many of our parishioners volunteer with a variety of local organizations: *Habitat for Humanity*, which builds affordable housing, *Meals on Wheels*, which provides meals to the homebound, and *Jackson County Christmas Charities*, which coordinates groceries and gifts for families in need at Christmas. Coordinating with counselors at the local high school, St. Luke's sponsors a *student assistance program*. Funds are discreetly distributed for identified needs such as class fees, school supplies, approved extra curricular activities, and clothing. The church opens its facility for community groups, i.e. *Master Gardeners of Jackson County*, and *Narcotics Anonymous*.



To inaugurate the legal year, St. Luke's hosts a traditional *Red Mass*, wherein many local legal professionals and representatives of the court pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice. The professionals are served lunch in Bradford Hall following the service.

Our Ministries

DIOCESE

Camp McDowell

St. Luke's encourages youth and children to participate in summer camp and workshops at our Diocesan camp, located less than two hours away in a beautiful rustic setting. St. Luke's parish family retreats have been held at Camp McDowell.

Bethany Village

A new camp facility designed to be fully handicapped-accessible, Bethany Village recently opened with the goal of providing the "Wonderful, Wonderful Camp McDowell" experience to all individuals. St. Luke's hosted the first Diocesan fundraiser for Bethany Village, and several parishioners are providing financial resources toward this Diocesan project.

Sawyerville

A summer day camp for children of low-income families in south Alabama, Sawyerville continues year after year to provide a joyous Christian experience for young children of the area. Teenage youth can serve as counselors-in-training at age 15 and as counselors from the age of 16. A number of St. Luke's youth have served in this capacity. Our parish also makes donations to meet specific needs each summer as determined by the camp director.



REGIONAL

Bike and Build

Participants from across the United States affiliated with Bike and Build have been hosted by St. Luke's annually since 2010. Overnight lodging, snacks, dinner, and breakfast are provided to approximately 30 college age young people, who bike across the country to raise awareness of the need for low-cost housing. Each participant donates \$4500 to a fund for this purpose. An agency at the local level is chosen at each stop to receive a gift of \$100 for a community need. St. Luke's has traditionally donated this gift to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Tornado Relief

St. Luke's has participated in tornado relief through financial contributions and hands-on building and repair since the 2011 tornado outbreak in north Alabama. The parish provided lodging and meals to several groups outside the state who responded to the need for assistance with the rebuilding effort.

GLOBAL



Orphanage in Africa

Through personal contact between a former rector and the orphanage director, the parish has prayed for specific needs and made significant financial contributions to a girls' orphanage in Africa over a six year period.

Renewal Ministries

St. Luke's participation in the *Cursillo Movement* began in 1981. Since that time approximately 40 members of the congregation have benefited from the four-day renewal experience. Three members of the parish have served terms on the secretariat and four lay rectors have come from our ranks with a number of others serving on staff. Several Rectors have served the Alabama Cursillo Movement as spiritual directors.

Kairos participation has been a long-standing tradition at St. Luke's. Several men in the parish have served on Kairos teams at Limestone Correctional Facility in Capshaw, Alabama. Local parishioners have baked cookies, created palanca, hosted staff dinner meetings, and offered earnest prayer in support of this ministry.



Godly Aspirations

- † To *develop a strong sense of community within the parish family* through Christian fellowship, prayer, study, and service.
- † To *strengthen pastoral care by the St. Luke's community* as we seek to follow God's examples of loving kindness, care, and concern for all individuals and families in times of sickness, sadness, and other identified needs.
- † To *develop a thriving youth and children's ministry* by faithfully following the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 5:14: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."
- † To *enhance Christian Formation opportunities for adults of all ages* by exploring and expanding spiritual education and renewal offerings.
- † Believing that worship/liturgy is central in the life of the church, we seek to *increase parishioner interest and participation in worship opportunities* of all types as presented through the liturgical year, by providing a loving home for faithful worship, creative planning, program development, and personal involvement.
- † Heeding God's words in Philippians 2:4: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others," we seek to *expand outreach assistance by responding to the needs of others in the local community, the diocese, and the world.*



Our Community

Scottsboro and Jackson County, Alabama Home of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Jackson County lies in the northeastern corner of Alabama, easily accessible from the major interstates and state highways, and “next-door-neighbor” to Georgia and Tennessee. Lying in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Jackson County offers a wide range of recreational and leisure activities. There’s something for everyone, and also some marvelous surprises.

The vistas in Jackson County are spectacular, particularly the mountain panoramas. Especially popular here are outdoor activities, which include bicycling, hiking, rock climbing, golfing, water sports, horseback riding, birding, spelunking (close to 4,000 charted caves), motorcycle trails, and some of America’s very best fishing and hunting.



Scottsboro, the county seat of Jackson County, is a small city of 15,000 people and home to the parishioners of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. It's a special place to live, work,



raise a family and make new friends. Situated conveniently between the twin economic engines of Huntsville, Alabama and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Scottsboro is ideal for a great quality of life and personal opportunities. Great schools, outstanding recreation, and God-given beauty make Scottsboro and the surrounding county the perfect venue to call home.



Goose Pond Colony Resort is a public resort located on the banks of the beautiful Tennessee River's Lake Guntersville with the Cumberland Mountains in the background. The resort offers two outstanding golf courses, the Lake Course and the Plantation Course, cottages, lodge, marina, bait and tackle shop, campsites, and a restaurant, The Docks, that can be accessed by both land and water. Goosepond.org

Scottsboro Recreation Complex includes two gyms, free weights and workout center, indoor walking track, indoor competitive swimming pool, and racket ball courts. Outdoor facilities include basketball and volleyball courts, Splash Park, tennis courts, dog park, as well as multiple fields for baseball, softball, and soccer. Competitive sports programs for youth of all ages are available throughout the year. www.cityofscottsboro.com

Scottsboro City Schools consistently rank among the exemplary in North Alabama. Scottsboro City School District is made up of three elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one junior high (7-8), and one senior high school (9-12). The enrollment of the six schools is approximately 2,600 students. In the spring of 2015, the district was awarded continued accreditation by AdvancED certification program. www.scottsborocityschools



Northeast Alabama Community College, with an average enrollment of 3,400 students is located on a beautiful campus 15 miles east of Scottsboro. Course offerings include a variety of academic and pre-professional training courses with focus on earning an Associate's Degree and/or certifications to enhance workforce development. NEACC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission and was recognized by The Aspen Institute as one of the top

150 community colleges in 2012, 2013, and 2014. www.nacc.edu

Come Sunday morning, those of us who live in this place of beauty at the heart of the southeast: Scottsboro, Jackson County, Alabama, are blessed once again with the opportunity to join in worship and fellowship as we gather to honor and praise Jesus Christ at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. We invite you to join us!

St. Luke's Parish



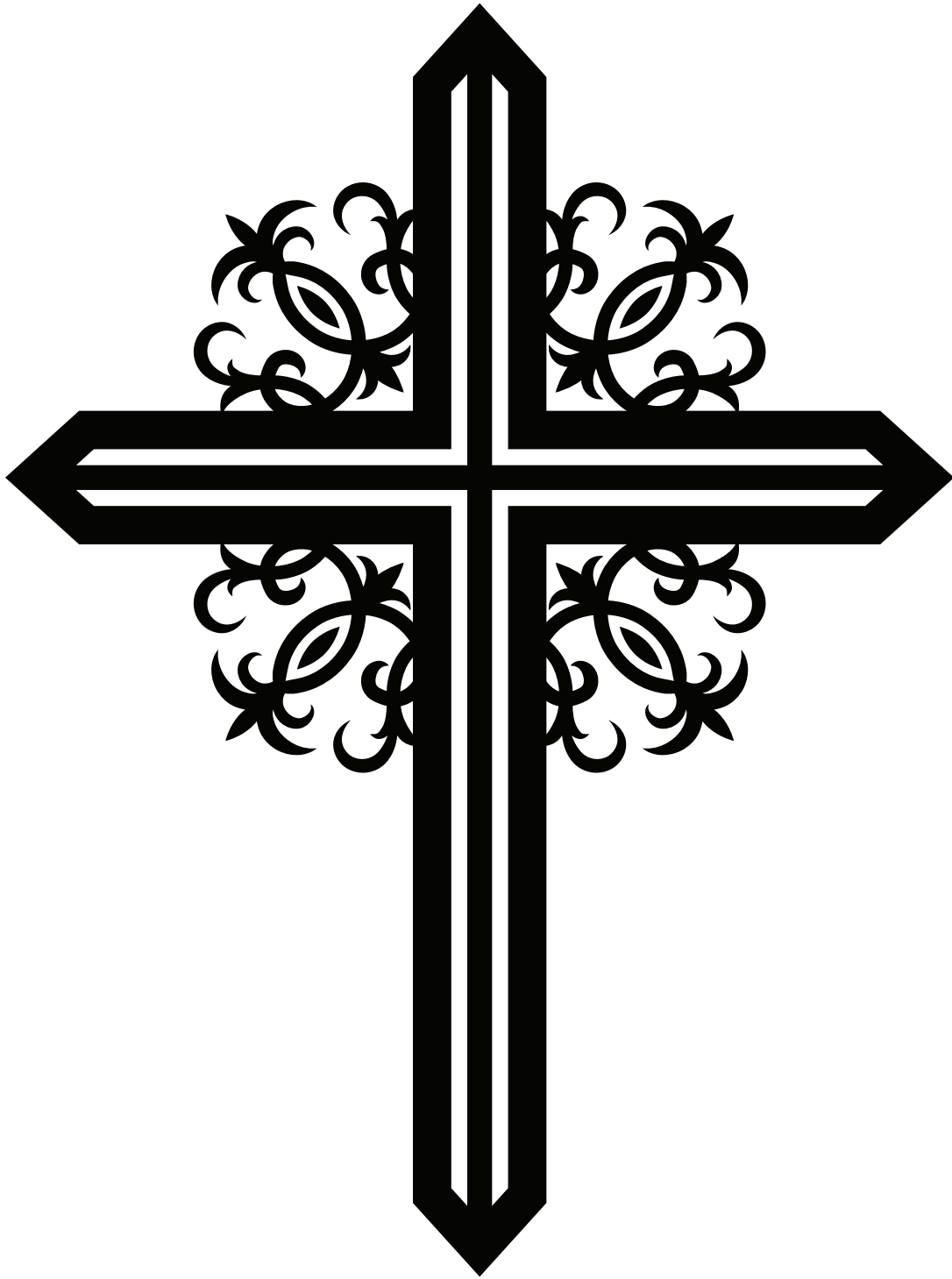
And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love. I pray that you can understand how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is. ~ Ephesians 3:18 (ICB)



St. Luke's Parish Family



*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ~ Acts 2:42 (NIV)*



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