

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
November 10, 2023



You Are Invited to the
St. Luke's
In-Person
Sunday Morning Service
Sunday morning
at 9:00am

If you are unable or prefer to join us
on Zoom, we will send you a Zoom
invitation through email. If you are
not receiving the email, please send
the office an email.

LINKS TO ALL SERVICES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE
stlukesatascadero.org



ST. LUKE'S WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays	Morning Prayer at 9 AM
Tuesdays	Evening Prayer at 5 PM
Wednesdays	Bible Study at 10 AM
Thursdays	Evening Prayer 5PM



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
THANK YOU FOR SERVING

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

PRESIDER: KATHRYN SHOWERS

PREACHER: KATHY HANSEN

FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: LEANN BROOKS

SECOND LESSON: JUDY LEWIS

USHER GREETERS: LEANN BROOKS & COLTON

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

PRESIDER: THE REV. ELLEN AYRES

FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHRYN SHOWERS

SECOND LESSON: KATHY HANSEN

USHER GREETERS: KATHRYN SHOWERS &

BARB BABKA

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December 1, 2023
January 14, 2024

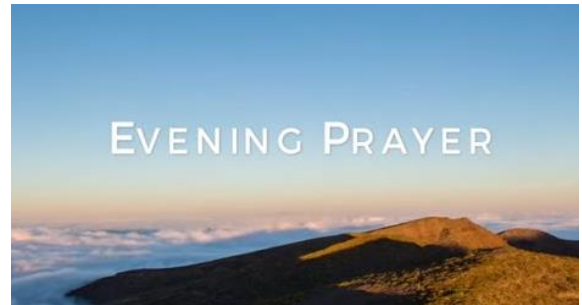
ST. LUKE'S FALL CALENDAR

Kathryn Showers, Presider for Morning Prayer
Vestry of the Whole Congregation
Quilt Day
Ingathering, Rev. Ellen Ayres, Presider
Rev. Jim Arnold, Morning Prayer
Christmas Bazaar
Annual Meeting



Quilt Day! November 18, 2023 from 9-12.

EVENING PRAYER HAS RESUMED



We have resumed Evening Prayer. This is a wonderful way to bookend your day with a varied and brief service every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 PM. You may use the link available on the St. Luke's website (www.stlukesatascadero.com) or use any Zoom Evening Prayer invite you have on file. We welcome you to join us.

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ST. LUKE'S MOUNTAIN OF FOOD THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Contrary to our previous articles, this year Atascadero Loaves and Fishes (now known as ALF Food Pantry) WILL take donations of actual food. They would prefer money, but they will also happily take food. We will be amassing non-perishable food, healthy food under the altar from **November 5 through 19**. Think canned veggies, boxes of non-sugar cereal, mac and cheese boxes, pound bags of rice, beans, and pasta, jars of peanut butter, or spaghetti sauce. There will also be a receptacle under the altar for your cash and checks made out to St. Luke's but designated for ALF. Food and money will be passed along to ALF after the 19th along with the proceeds of our summer Farmer's Market. As the nights grow colder and we hope for the beginning of the rain, please reflect with gratitude on the abundance of food, warmth and shelter each of us enjoys and consider what you can joyfully share with those who are in need. – Outreach Committee.



SENIOR WARDEN TASK REALLOCATION UPDATE

We are happy to report that many of the former tasks of the Senior Warden have been claimed by church members. We have a person dealing with the payroll. We have a person dealing with the scheduling of officiants for the Sunday morning services. We have a proofreader for the bulletin. We have people who will receive calls for Pastoral Care and will follow up with those who are ill and a person who will begin an adult study after the first of the year. We have people who will set agendas for Vestry and annual meetings and a person who will lead the Vestry meetings. The Clerk, the Jr. Warden, the Treasurer and Bookkeeper have all agreed to continue in their current positions. We are whittling down that formidable list of jobs.

Notice that most of the above mentioned tasks say “a person”. The bench is not very deep. We need everyone who is able to pitch in. If you have not yet decided what work you will do to support St. Luke's, you still have a chance to work with and support others in the above tasks or to take up one of the jobs not yet claimed. Notably we are still in need of a person to serve as the official signer for the Vestry on contracts for St. Luke's, or you could be a person who receives bills and writes purchase orders so the bookkeeper can write the checks, or you could receive and amass the articles for the newsletter and pass these along to Sylvia in a timely and coherent manner. You could be a person who is willing to attend the next Eucharistic Minister training so you can lead Morning Prayer. Please check over the list you received in church, or got in last week's newsletter and find a task that you can do with interest and joy and get in touch with me. We hope to have a plan in place by the next Vestry meeting, Nov. 12 so do it soon! Thank you. – Kathy Hansen.

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VESTRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
October 8, 2023

The Vestry of the Whole meeting opened with prayer, by Leann Brooks, at 10:03 am. Twelve people were present with four members attending on Zoom. The Minutes and the Agenda were approved, and the Vestry Covenant read.

Kathy Hansen gave an update on the Senior Warden job description. She asked that people look over the various categories and put their name next to the areas they could help with. A few of the key points of a lengthy discussion, follow: *Will there be a single point of contact for each committee?* We were cautioned that a central point of control, to make sure all is done on time, is needed. Others felt that we need to trust each other as we are all adults and are motivated to do it on our own.

We were then asked how we are going to resolve the negativity issue with the Bishop. That needs to be done so the new Senior Warden is not burdened with it. A motion was made to contact Canon Martha and ask for a communication workshop to work kindly and help with the transition of a Senior Warden in internal and external communication. The motion was seconded and passed, and three people were tasked to create that letter to Canon Martha.

The dedication of the Bob Cummings Fellowship Hall is scheduled for October 15, and Pastor Ellen Ayres will do the dedication. A potluck will follow.

Bids on the staircase have come in. The two trees near the staircase need to be removed. Work on pruning the oak tree cost \$1250, with an additional \$450 needed to treat the tree. A motion was made to allow the Junior Warden to use the money in the fund for the work on the trees. It passed.

Other business of the meeting: A new Coastal Copy lease was accepted; Pledge cards have been mailed, but few pledges have come in at this point. Speakers will be giving brief talks on stewardship, during the announcements on Sundays; The Bishop will only count pledge income when considering what kind of priest, we can afford.

One word description of the meeting, which ended at 11:12 am, was given by those in attendance. A few of those words listed: *informative, eye opening, productive, puzzling, anxiety-provoking, affirming.*

The meeting ended with a prayer, by Leann Brooks.



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Dear St. Lukeans,

Just a quick note to remind you that as the Christmas Bazaar scheduled for December 1st approaches we need your help in organizing and preparing for the event. An email has already gone out to our bakers requesting their assistance in acquiring donations of cakes, pies, breads and cookies as well as jams and condiments. Additional baked goods are always appreciated. It is essential that the event organizers Jan Hickok and Kathryn Showers have an accurate count of baked goods we are expecting so we can set up the proper number of tables.

For those of you who are crafters and are working on items for the sale please let Jan Hickok or Kathryn Showers know what you are crafting and how many items you intend to donate. Sign-up sheets will be available this Sunday for folks interested in working on December 1st. Historically, the first 2 hours of the sale and last hour and a half are the busiest times. Please sign-up and include your phone number so we can send you a text message reminder of your time slot.

Each of you will receive a digital copy of the Christmas Bazaar flyer attached to an email in the next few days. Please help us get the word out by forwarding the flyer to your circle of friends and family members. Proceeds of the sale will be donated to SLO-4-Home and the Transitional Housing for the Medically Fragile. The Christmas Bazaar offers St. Luke's a unique opportunity for fellowship while supporting local programs to reduce homelessness in San Luis Obispo County. JOIN US in making the Christmas Bazaar a success. Thank you for your support.

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Save the Date!

Start your celebration of the Christmas season on December 1, 2023
at St. Luke's, in our newly refurbished Cummings Fellowship Hall
from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We will be offering all manner of baked goods, jams and jellies as well as selected quilts, scarves, hand warmers, and hats, seasonal collars for dogs and cats, and unique kitchen gifts like tortilla warmers and microwave bowls with individual hot pads.

Come join the fun and support community groups SLO-4-Home and transitional housing for the medically fragile.



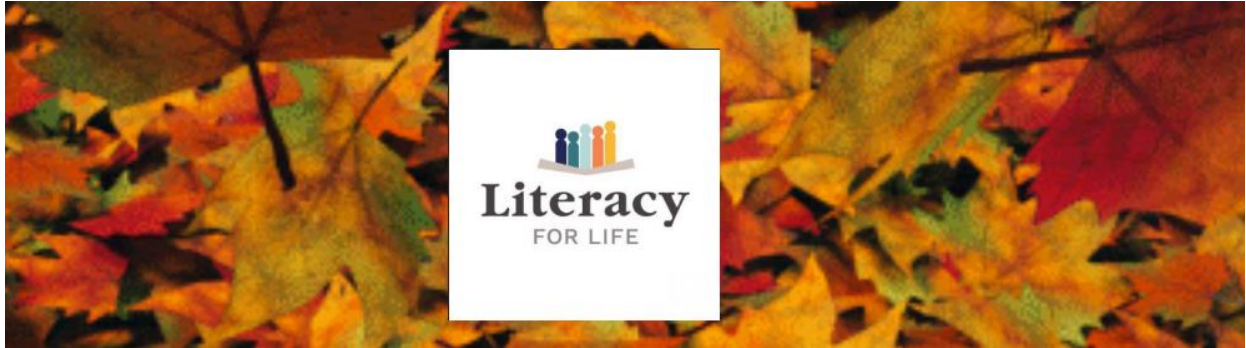
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Stewardship Ingathering November 19th

The St. Luke's Stewardship drive for 2024, "*Rooted in Abundance*", is well underway. Everyone should have received their pledge cards by now. Please prayerfully consider the pledge of your time, talent and treasure as you give back to God abundantly. Our ingathering will be Sunday, November 19th, when our collective pledges will be blessed by Rev. Ellen Ayres. Please feel free to place your pledge cards in the collection basket at the rear of the church. Pledging allows us to plan our budget based on pledges received. Give generously, *abundantly*, back to God.

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As the leaves begin to change and the air becomes crisp, we at Literacy for Life are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support we have received from our dedicated tutors, eager learners, and all of our supporters.

Welcoming New Tutors and Learners:

Literacy for Life is committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a tutor to reach out to join our team and be part of a transformative experience. Similarly, if you or someone you know could benefit from our literacy programs, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We believe in the power of education to change lives, and we are here to support all who seek it.

We Need You, Donors!

Literacy knows no bounds, but it does require support. To continue our invaluable work, we depend on generous donors. Your contributions help us provide resources, materials, and opportunities for our learners and tutors.

We invite you to share this newsletter with friends, family, and colleagues who may have the means and desire to support our cause. Your network can help us connect with potential donors, tutors, and learners, amplifying the impact of our programs.

We want to express our immense gratitude for your continued support. Together, we can create a future where literacy is accessible to all, empowering individuals to pursue their dreams and reach their full potential.

OUR MISSION: LITERACY FOR LIFE TRANSFORMS THE COMMUNITY, EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS BY REMOVING BARRIERS TO SUCCESS AND STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH THE POWER OF LITERACY.

OUR VALUES:

Inclusiveness Compassion Commitment Transparency

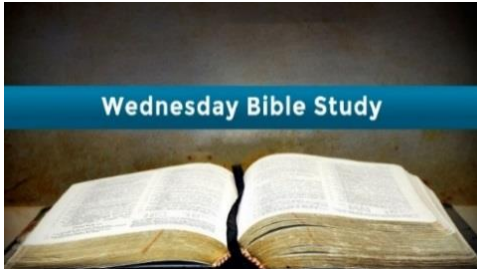
We value each person in our community, their unique backgrounds, and their relationships. We endeavor to treat all others with whom we encounter with caring concern and empathy. We are dedicated to furthering literacy skills in everyday life within our community. We believe in honesty and openness about what we do as we involve ourselves in the community.

[OUR WEBSITE](#)

[click to volunteer](#)

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SMALL GROUP STUDIES



Bible Study has resumed! St. Luke's Bible Study Group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. – call Holly Cooper for the meeting location.



Gather with Taizé Music Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm
If interested and would like an invitation to attend, please send an email to castlewoodr6@gmail.com to get on the list.

THE BIDDING BOOK & PRAYER REQUESTS



Over the past several years the parish prayer list has experienced an enormous growth. This warms the heart. The issue has become how to most effectively offer these prayers during our worship services over the course of a week. So effectively offer our intercessions and

thanksgivings we will do the following;

During the Sunday services we will pray only for those who are listed in the bidding book (which you will find on the podium at the back of the church) and from the 'chat' on Zoom. During Evening Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays we will offer our prayers using the parish prayer list which is managed by the Daughters of the King. This prayer list is updated and refreshed on a regular basis.

We are grateful for the faithfulness of the community in praying for those in need.

We will review this practice of sharing our corporate prayer concerns on a regular basis.