

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter  
November 17, 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](http://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 19**  
PRESIDER: THE REV. ELLEN AYRES  
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHRYN SHOWERS  
SECOND LESSON: KATHY HANSEN  
USHER GREETERS: KATHRYN SHOWERS &  
BARB BABKA

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING  
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

PRESIDER: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD  
MUSIC: LAURA DeLOYE  
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: HOLLY COOPER  
SECOND LESSON: MARY GRUBER  
USHER GREETERS: HOLLY COOPER & MARY GRUBER

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### ST. LUKE'S FALL CALENDAR



November 18, 2023	Quilt Day 9:00 a.m. - noon
November 19, 2023	Ingathering, Rev. Ellen Ayres, Presider
November 26, 2023	Rev. Jim Arnold, Morning Prayer
December 1, 2023	Christmas Bazaar 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2023	Florrie Drumm Memorial 11:00 a.m. – Rev. Barbara Miller, Presider
December 24, 2023	No Sunday Morning Service
December 24, 2023	Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 p.m. – Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, Presider
December 25, 2023	No Christmas Day Service
January 14, 2024	Annual Meeting

### QUILT DAY! NOVEMBER 18, 2023 FROM 9-12.



We will be quilting again on Saturday the 18 from 9-12. These blankets will be delivered to the Mennonite Church in Paso and distributed to people in need of a tied blanket quilt to wrap themselves in. We layer a sheet, blanket, and quilt top, then tie them with heavy embroidery thread. We will have coffee, tea and some breakfast treats. This takes place in the undercroft. Kathy and I will be making candy for the Christmas bazaar after quilting. You are welcome to stay for that as well. Bring a lunch if plan to stay and help with candy making. -Ann

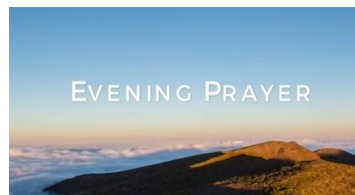
### FLORRIE DRUMM MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial  
Service



The Rev. Barbara Miller will officiate at a memorial service for Florrie Drumm Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 11:00 AM. The service will offer Holy Communion and will be followed by an informal reception. Tentative plans include a hybrid Zoom service.

### 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](http://www.stlukesatascadero.com)) or use any Zoom Evening Prayer invite you have on file. We welcome you to join us.

### JAN VERCOUTERE SPEAKS

.....Speaks with a broken instrument: A few years ago I had a TIA while at the gym. It passed so quickly, within minutes, that I didn't pay attention to it. However, with the passing months I developed aphasia, an inability to speak clearly or form my words, and my speech was so slow! It's caused by a number of things involving the brain - a stroke, concussions, etc. I am extremely fortunate to have my words still in my brain and my recall is intact. I write a lot! It makes it very difficult for me to socialize, and doubly hard for the person that I'm communicating with. Thus, it tends to make me withdraw from meetings, social gatherings. I have to communicate with people who work at my home, acre, etc.,etc. A short explanation for my not attending St. Luke's, however I still appear in my black box Sundays, and I will keep my pledge up to date.

With Sincere Love and Appreciation for my St. Luke's family, Janice V

*Jan*



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# Chants Encounter

*Music of Arvo Pärt and Mozart*

Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 PM  
Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo

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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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 pleased to report that Mike Ferree has agreed to serve as the official “Sr. Warden” of St. Luke's. This does not mean that Mike is going to do all of the work that was previously under the wing of the Sr. Warden. In fact, he will be doing only the 3 tasks that were previously identified as tasks which only a Sr. Warden can do. His main job will be reviewing and signing contracts as the official representative of the Vestry of the Whole. We are so thankful that Mike has stepped up to do this part of the work. Many people have stepped up to take on the rest of the work that needs to be done to keep St. Luke's running but we still have a couple of outstanding items. Notably we still need someone to serve as the main writer of purchase orders. This involves going by the office once or twice a week, to look at the bills and write purchase orders so that the bookkeeper can write and mail checks. This usually amounts to 2-6 purchase orders per month. Once in a while the purchase order writer will need to check with the Jr. Warden to see if work being billed has actually been performed. The purchase order writer is important as an extra set of eyes, an extra safeguard, to the process of disbursing funds from St. Luke's. Purchase orders are written by hand and are not complicated. If you are interested in this job, please contact Kathy Hansen or Leann Brooks – Kathy Hansen

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VESTRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
November 12, 2023

St. Luke's Vestry of the Whole Congregation meeting was called to order by Kathy Hansen at 10:17 a.m. Jeanne Owen offered the opening prayer. One additional item was added to the consent agenda, presentation of the letter to Canon Martha requesting her assistance in improving communication between St. Luke's and the diocese through a communication workshop. The minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> Vestry Meeting were approved as corrected.

Junior Warden Ann Holley reported that wall brackets requested by the tech team can be purchased for \$300 and mounted on two of the interior sanctuary walls to hold the video cameras used during videotaping of our Zoom services and church meetings. This will eliminate the need for the tripods. Copies of the new lease and maintenance agreement with Coastal Copy were provided with the vestry packet. The new contract will reduce St. Luke's copy charges by 16%.

Ann also discussed the status of the bid for power washing, resurfacing and sealing of the church parking lot. Mitch Frederick who provided a bid last year to Mike Ferree has offered to complete the job for last year's price with a 10% church discount. A motion was made by Ann Holley, seconded by Mary Gruber to appropriate up to \$5,000 for the resurfacing and sealing. Treasurer Leann Brooks confirmed \$ 3,000 is available for the project in the Buildings and Grounds budget. The motion was tabled to allow Ann and Mike to meet with Mike Frederick to determine if the process can be divided and partially completed this year and finished in 2024. Ann is working on creation of a youth area at the back of the sanctuary for our young teens who attend our regular service.

Kathy Hansen who has assumed responsibility for the reallocation of administrative and liturgical responsibilities, reported on the meeting of the Worship Committee. Pastor Karen Siegfried will be presiding and preaching at the Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. on December 24, 2023. There will be no Sunday morning service on that day. Pastor Karen will also continue to preside and serve on the first Sundays of the month beginning on Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2024. Reverend Caro Hall has also agreed to provide supply services once a month; Pastor Ellen Ayres will continue serving once a month. The worship committee is exploring adding one additional clergy led service per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Worship committee members also discussed and recommended increasing the honorarium for supply clergy from the diocesan rate to \$250 plus mileage.

Treasurer Leann Brooks reported St. Luke's is doing well. We have \$99,065 in operating our accounts; \$15,894 in non-operating accounts; \$24,959 in the Pacific Premier Checking account and \$ 53,862 in the Pacific Premier money market account. \$91,372 is invested with the Diocesan Investment Trust. St. Luke's total current assets are \$170,193. St. Luke's Operating Profit & Loss Statement projects net ordinary income year to date at -\$26,163; with the annual net income budget projected at -\$30,497. More precise figures will be available once the Stewardship Campaign concludes.

Jeanne Owen concluded the meeting with a closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Showers

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**Save the Date**

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

We will be offering all manner of baked goods,  
jams and jellies. We have selected quilts, scarves,  
hand warmers, hats, 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 19<sup>th</sup>**

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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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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Diocese of El Camino Real Advent Retreat on December 9<sup>th</sup> – You are invited to a diocese-wide Advent Retreat and we hope you will join us! We will gather on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at St. James in Paso Robles. We will begin at 10am and have a day of worship, Bible study, and reflection. You are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and bring a journal or computer, if you are someone who enjoys writing while reflecting. Lunch will be provided, and there is a \$10 suggested donation to help with the cost of lunch, but this is not a required contribution. The retreat will end by 3pm. The theme of the day is “The Mysteries of the Season of Advent” and the retreat will be led by the diocesan Advent Retreat committee. Questions? Please email Canon Martha at [canonmartha@realepiscopal.org](mailto:canonmartha@realepiscopal.org). To register, please click [HERE](#).

# Diocesan Advent Retreat

## The Mysteries of the Season of Advent

Saturday, December 2 @ St. Francis, Willow Glen

Saturday, December 9 @ St. James, Paso Robles

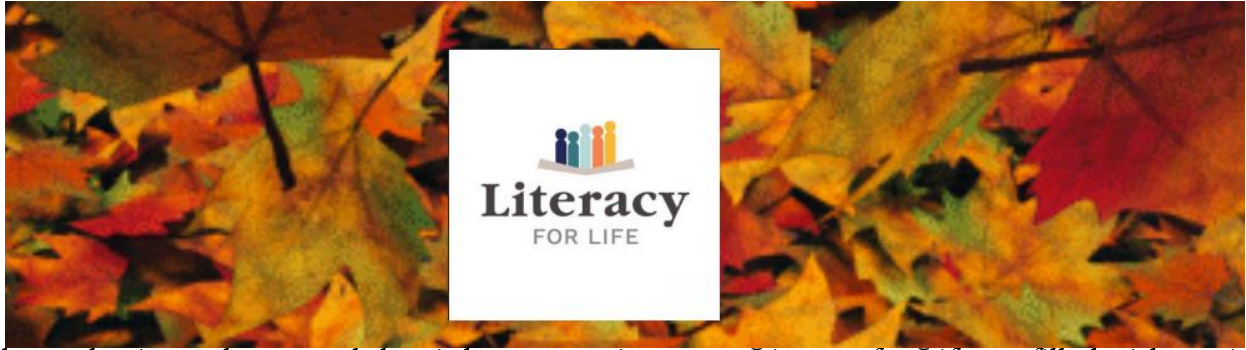
Saturday, December 16 @ St. Mary's, Pacific Grove

All retreats are 10am to 3pm



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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.

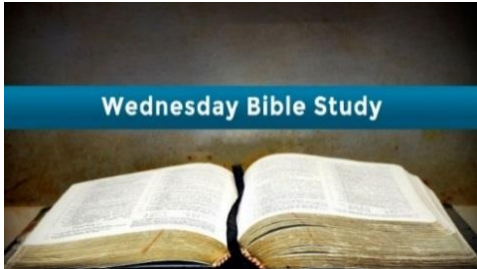
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### SMALL GROUP STUDIES



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](mailto: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.