

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter  
February 16, 2024



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, FEBRUARY 18

PRESIDER: THE REV. CARO HALL  
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHY HANSEN  
SECOND LESSON: ANN HOLLEY  
USHER GREETERS: BARB BABKA & ANN HOLLEY

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING  
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PRESIDER: THE REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON  
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: LEANN BROOKS  
SECOND LESSON: KATHY HANSEN  
USHER GREETERS: LEANN BROOKS & COLTON

  
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**ST. LUKE'S WINTER CALENDAR**

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| February 17 | Quilt Day in the Undercroft 9a.m. (note change of date)   |
| February 18 | Rev. Caro Hall, Presiding<br>Lenten Study begins after coffee hour                                    |
| February 24 | EM/EV training at St. James 10a.m.-2p.m.  |
| February 25 | Rev. Richard Rollefson, Presiding<br>Lenten Study after coffee hour                                   |
| March 3     | Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, presiding<br>Lenten Study after coffee hour                                    |
| March 10    | Morning Prayer with Get on the Bus presentation<br>Vestry of the Whole with potluck (no Lenten study) |
| March 17    | Rev. Richard Rollefson, presiding<br>Lenten Study after coffee hour                                   |
| March 24    | Palm Sunday Service - Rev. Caro Hall, presiding   |
| March 31    | Easter Sunday Service -- Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, presiding   |

**JOIN US FOR 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.

**LENT AT ST. LUKE'S 2024**



Grab your hot drink and join us in the Sanctuary to watch short videos from the National Church. Life transformed- the way of love in Lent, Lenten Study will be shown on February 18 and 25, March 3 and 17.

We also offer a take home gratitude calendar produced by the United Thank Offering arm of the National Episcopal Church. This will be available at church this Sunday February 11.

**Got Newsletter  
Articles?**

**Please send them to Kathy Hansen**

**[Rubykat710@att.net](mailto:Rubykat710@att.net)**

**Put "Newsletter" in the subject line.**

**The deadline for each week is**

**Tuesday evening.**

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Just a short note from your Sr. Warden

For all of you who could not make our service and Vestry of the Whole, I wish to say you missed a great opportunity to meet our Bishop. Her message was great and her input to the Vestry of the Whole was also wonderful. Her input was very valuable to St. Luke's.

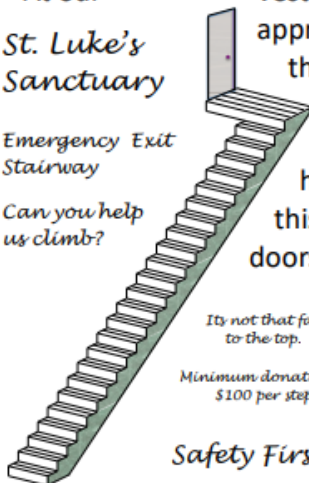
Michael Ferree  
Sr. Warden

## Emergency Stairs

At our  
*St. Luke's  
Sanctuary*

*Emergency Exit  
Stairway*

*Can you help  
us climb?*



Vestry of the Whole meeting Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> we approved a fund raising plan to help pay for the replacement of the wood emergency steps when exiting from the sanctuary through the Vestry. The existing stairs have deteriorated over the years to the point they must be replaced. We have the design of the new stairs completed. The budget for this project is \$40,000 which includes the new stairs, two new doors and window protection. Currently we have about \$30,000 for the project

*It's not that far  
to the top.*

*Minimum donation =  
\$100 per step*

**Safety First!** The Vestry has approved a Fund Raiser, to give every member the opportunity to help make this much needed project to be completed. For \$100.00 you can pay for a step on the new stairs. You may contribute more if you

wish. On your check or if cash please note Stairs Fundraiser. You may mail your check to our office, place in the offering plate or have your bank mail the check.

Your support for this much needed project is greatly appreciated.

Michael Ferree  
St. Luke's Sr. Warden

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN



Let's not forget Lent Madness wherein the lives of the Saints are reviewed and judged by the general public to determine who will receive the coveted Golden Halo award this year. It is always informative and fun to vote and root for your favorite saints and who can say what we will learn about the prevailing values of our culture in any year by our choice of winners. The link to the site is:

<https://www.lentmadness.org/>

Quilting Quilting Quilting  
Outreach Outreach  
Fellowship



Please join us on Saturday, February 17 for our next day of **quilting** for disaster relief. This is one of St. Luke's **Outreach** opportunities. Sally made many quilt tops and that makes light work for us. The process is layer, sew, turn, tie and finish. It is not hard to do. Pam takes the finished quilts to the Mennonite church in Paso and they are sent to the Fresno center for world wide distribution.

Drop in for a cup of coffee and **fellowship** February 17, 9:00-12:00.

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Vestry of the Whole Highlights, February 11, 2024



Blessed with the presence of Bishop Lucinda Ashby, Deacon Jackie Sebro, and Bishop's Chaplain, Mary Gruber, St. Luke's was led in a spirit-filled worship service, and given a sermon which focused on the Transfiguration of Jesus and the silence of Lent (Ask ourselves, 'Is it kind, is it true and does it improve upon the silence?') A delicious potluck and the Vestry of the Whole monthly meeting followed worship.

The Agenda, the Consent Agenda and the Minutes were adopted, accepted, and passed respectively. The Consent Agenda included a recommendation by the Finance Committee to send St. Luke's \$400 Deacons' Discretionary Fund to St. James Episcopal Church. Bishop

Lucinda mentioned that discretionary funds normally stay with the church. The Finance Committee also requested a change of check signers. New check signers are Sam Agbo and Mike Ferree. The debit card will be changed to Mike Ferree. The Treasurer will also be given access to the accounts without needing to get permission from a check signer.

In Old Business, the Outreach Committee recommended splitting Outreach funds 50 /50 between ALF (Atascadero Loaves and Fishes) and the center for Family Strengthening. It was approved.

Listed in New Business: A. The Finance Committee recommends starting an emergency staircase fundraiser, offering the parishioners an opportunity to buy a step for a \$100 donation. The donations would be represented on a poster in the Sanctuary. It also was approved, and the poster already has donations listed. A revised estimate for the staircase was given by Ferrell's Building Solution, in the amount of \$38, 900. Jr. Warden, Ann Holley is waiting for a second estimate from Mitch Stafford with Central Coast Construction.

B. The Finance Committee recommends moving \$12,000 in Reserve Funds, from the Diocesan Investment Trust (D.I.T.) into the Capitol Fund for the staircase, leaving the remaining three months of reserve operating fund in the D.I.T. It passed.

At one point in the meeting, Bishop Lucinda was asked if there was an available grant or some way the Diocese could help with the \$40,000 needed for the emergency back staircase. She responded that an application for a Grant was needed, and a case made for the Health and Safety Proposal to the Board of Trustees and the Bishop.

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Saturday, February 17  
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
St. James Episcopal Church  
Parish Hall  
514 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Household items, electronics,  
microwave, toys, holiday items, dishes,  
Pack n' Play  
Everything will be priced to sell!!

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**Join Lenny Erickson for  
Eclectia Discussibles**

**Small group discussions on situations posed to  
"The Ethicist" in the New York Times magazine**

**Wednesday**

**Feb 28 – Mar 27, 2024**

**1:30 – 3:30 pm**

**St Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church**

**545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay**

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Travel with Liz Frost

What is on your  
UNESCO Heritage Site Bucket List?

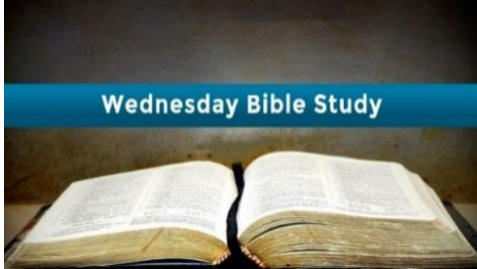


Monday, February 26 at 5:30PM  
St. Stephen's Parish Hall  
1344 Nipomo Street,  
San Luis Obispo, CA



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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 [castlewood16@gmail.com](mailto:castlewood16@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.