

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
February 23, 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



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 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

February 24	EM/EV training at St. James 10a.m.-2p.m.
February 25	Rev. Richard Rollefson, Presiding Lenten Study after coffee hour
March 3	Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, presiding Lenten Study after coffee hour
March 10	Morning Prayer with Get on the Bus presentation Vestry of the Whole with potluck (no Lenten study)
March 16	All Church Workday 9 a.m. - noon
March 17	Rev. Richard Rollefson, presiding Lenten Study after coffee hour
March 23	All Church Workday 9 a.m. - noon
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) or use any Zoom Evening Prayer invite you have on file. We welcome you to join us.

LENT AT ST. LUKE'S 2024



The Lenten Study continues next Sunday. Please join us for a video and then a discussion on the topic. Last week we were finished by 10:30.

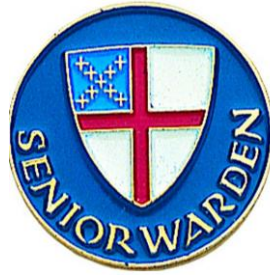
Grab your hot drink and join us in the Sanctuary to watch short videos from the National Church. Life transformed- the way of love in Lent, Lenten Study will be shown on February 25, March 3 & 17.

We also offer a take home gratitude calendar produced by the United Thank Offering arm of the National Episcopal Church.

Got Newsletter Articles?

Please send them to Kathy Hansen
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

THE STATE OF THE STAIRS



We launched an emergency staircase fundraiser at our last Vestry of the Whole meeting. Check out our progress poet in the sanctuary. Donate \$100 and help us climb to the top.

Really! What is the progress of the stairs? We are entering into the permit process with the City of Atascadero. We will vote with discussion at our next vestry meeting in March to accept the estimate and enter into a contract to build the stairs this spring. Call Mike Ferree or Ann Holley with questions.

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WARDENS OF PARISHES IN TRANSITION MEETING NOTES

February 6, Ann Holley and Kathy Hansen (sitting in for Mike Ferree) represented St. Luke's Parish on zoom from 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. Bishop Lucinda directed the meeting. There were 8 parishes present. Some were in the search process, some had an interim priest, and some are waiting. Each Parish is in a time of transition. Bishop Lucinda shared the Diocese's Web site to show us where to view her 2024 visitation dates. Bishop Lucinda asked again if we had coverage for the Holy Days leading up to Easter. She explained that normally, she and her Canon would serve communion at the Cathedral on these High Holy Days. Far more important, was that every parish has coverage for those days. We do.



I was asked by the finance and executive committee from St. Luke's to ask 2 questions. 1. What may we do with our Rectors Discretionary Fund? 2. What may we do with the Rectors Search Funds? Discretionary funds stay with the church under the Sr. Wardens discretion. The question of the search funds was discussed by Bishop Lucinda at the Vestry of the Whole on February 11, 2024. Those minutes will be available at our next meeting. It was a wonderful and warm meeting and I look forward to the next meeting on April 2. For Questions, call Ann.

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/>

ECHO
El Camino Homeless Organization



Clothes needed for Echo. There is still a need for warm clothes for the homeless. Please place in container in narthex and they will be delivered to Echo.

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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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**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

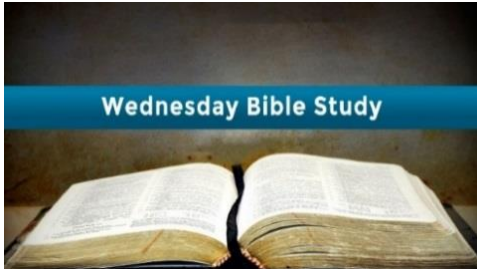
What is on your
UNESCO Heritage Site Bucket List?



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 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.