

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
March 1, 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.

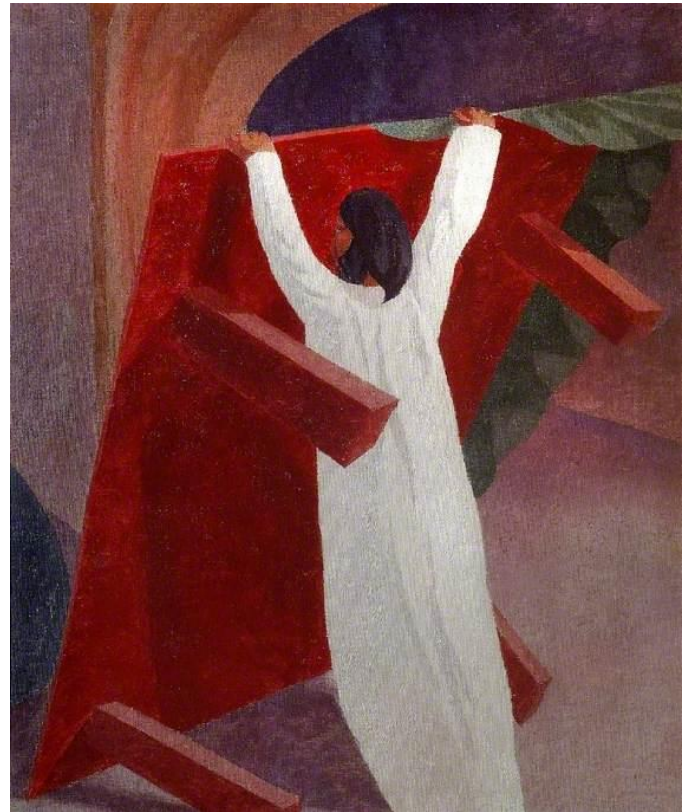
LINKS TO ALL SERVICES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

stlukesatascadero.org



ST. LUKE'S WEEKLY SERVICES

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| 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, MARCH 3**

PRESIDER: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: MARY GRUBER

FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: MARY GRUBER

SECOND LESSON: JUDY LEWIS

USHER GREETERS: MARY GRUBER & JAN HICKOK

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

OFFICIANT: LEANN BROOKS

FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: JUDY LEWIS

SECOND LESSON: JEANNE OWEN

USHER GREETERS: JEANNE OWEN & JAN HICKOK

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| ST. LUKE'S WINTER CALENDAR | |
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| 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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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.

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.



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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NEXT TUESDAY IS THE DATE OF THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ELECTION. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!



St. Luke's will be a polling place next week and again in November, although we are not participating in Adopt-a-Poll and will not be staffing a precinct. Brooks Pecot and team will be clearing the sanctuary for the polling place on Sunday after church and will be re-setting the sanctuary on Wednesday evening. If you want to help with the furniture moving, please call Brooks Pecot. Also, be aware that there will be extra traffic in and around the church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, so it is best not to plan any activities for the sanctuary for those days.



**To everything there is a season... THIS is
the time to plant (for the plant sale)**

May 17-18

Plant your vegetables, flowers, take your cuttings and dig your seedlings to prepare for our annual plant sale. Proceeds will be split between our Capital Fund and our outreach partners; Atascadero Loaves and Fishes and Center for Family Strengthening (formerly Transitional Food and Shelter)

To kick off the sale, Jeanne's blooming bulbs will be available soon.

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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

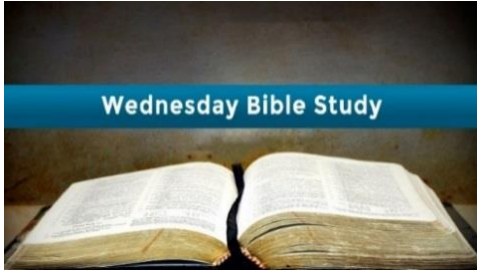
1:30 – 3:30 pm

St Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church

545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay

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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.