

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
March 28, 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, MARCH 31

PRESIDER: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT

MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE

FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: ANN HOLLEY

SECOND LESSON: KATHY HANSEN

USHER GREETERS: BROOKS PECOT & ANN HOLLEY

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7

PRESIDER: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: ANN HOLLEY

FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: ANN HOLLEY

SECOND LESSON: JEANNE OWEN

USHER GREETERS: JEANNE OWEN & ANN HOLLEY

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ST. LUKE'S SPRING CALENDAR

March 28	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. at St. James
March 29	Good Friday Liturgy with Stations of the Cross noon at St. James
March 30	Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 p.m. at St. James
March 31	The Great Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. at St. James
April 7	Easter Sunday Service -- Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, presiding
April 14	Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following the service
April 20	Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, presiding
April 21	Morning Prayer, presentation by Hospice followed by Vestry of the Whole with potluck
May 17 & 18	Community Wide Yard Sale
June 2	Rev. Richard Rollefson, presiding
	Plant Sale
	St. Luke's Community Feast

JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER

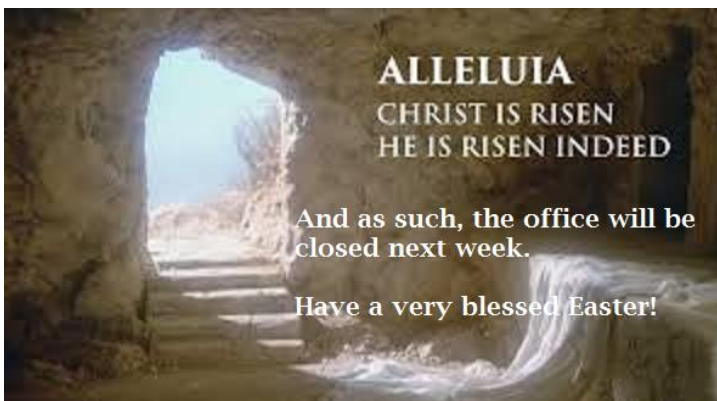


This is a wonderful way to bookend your day with a varied and brief service every

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.

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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**EASTER
SUNDAY**

Service

REV KAREN SIEGFRIEDT

PRESIDING

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*Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?. Agony in the Garden (left); Arrest of Jesus (right),
Panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena*

Dear Beloved of El Camino Real:

It is a beautiful spring, with flowers in bloom, birds chirping, and lovely weather—a time when it is good to feel our hearts lift in song and cry out with praise to God.

Those who greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem experienced this same lifting of their hearts. The Liturgy of the Palms, which opens our service outside on Palm Sunday, is a simple reenactment of that scene in the Holy Week story; that part of the service concludes with the Sursum Corda or “lift up your hearts,” as we prepare to enter the nave for the next part of the liturgy.

As we progress through Holy Week, our hearts at first lifted, come crashing down in the dark human experiences of betrayal, denial, falsehood, and rumormongering driven by greed and lust for power. Holy Week puts us, as followers of Jesus, deeply in touch with our darkest selves, in the places of both the inner circle and the crowd, as we walk along the way of pain, La Via Dolorosa.

The ups and downs of Holy Week are emotionally and spiritually reminiscent of the chaos of Jesus' walk through that time. Probably, as with many others, we would rather step away or even run from the highs and lows of that journey. Yet, amidst the chaos is an invitation to sit quietly and touch the parts of our lived experiences as they connect with the Holy Week story.

Being in Holy Week means to be in discomfort. It is an essential place of being, as Mary Oliver reminds us in her poem, “When Death Comes,” with the words, “I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.”

This week is a time to fully engage, to walk not as a tourist, an observer, or a visitor but as a participant, calling up from within those things that are difficult and lifting them toward God for forgiveness and grace.

But first, we need to “go there.” May this Holy Week be for you both a blessing and a lesson as you walk with Jesus.

Lucinda

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TREATS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT



On Easter Sunday, March 31 we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. If you would like to help the Easter Bunny, please bring decorated eggs or small wrapped candies, stickers or tiny toys in plastic eggs to church by Sunday morning. Leave them in the undercroft so The Bunny can hide them during the service. This is a perfect time to invite friends with children to enjoy the fun at St. Luke's.

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



The Altar Guild will again be decorating the church with flowering plants for Easter. Rev. Karen will lead the service and there will be lots of singing! Following the service, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the yard and an Easter Brunch Potluck served in front of the church. We hope you can join us for the festivities.

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Where does the Good Friday Offering go?

The Episcopal Church supports the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and contributions to the Good Friday Offering are making this work possible. **Donations may be sent to St. Luke's and marked Good Friday offering.**



Photo: Wissam Nassar/dpa

By supporting life-giving ministries in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten.

- Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City provides critical medical care to all people, in peacetime and wartime alike.
- St. George's is the only Anglican church in Iraq, serving local Indigenous communities and displaced people through worship, schools, and medical care.
- Christ Church in Aden, Yemen, serves as the grounds of Ras Morbat Eye Clinic, providing critical medical care for all in a war-torn country.
- The Christian National Kindergarten at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Nablus, in the West Bank, provides high-quality early education to all kindergartners, regardless of religion.

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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.



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.



PUTTING PETS FIRST

Royal Canin focuses on health and wellbeing, food quality and safety, and sustainability.

Dog Food Giveaway I have a brand new 29# bag of Royal Canin low fat urinary diet dog food. It arrived the day after my dog Polly quit eating. I also have a 6# bag of the same stuff but regular fat content that I bought locally because I ran out of Polly's usual feed before the Chewy box came. The food is by prescription and hugely expensive, so while I don't want money for it, I don't want it to be wasted. Please call me at (805)438-4197 if your dog can use it. Marnie Burkhardt

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FAIR LINEN REPLACEMENT



Fair Linen is the long white piece of cloth that covers the altar on special Sundays like Easter, Christmas, etc. Both of St. Luke's fair linens are ancient and there is great need of a replacement. They are not inexpensive. If you would like to contribute to the cost of a new fair linen, you may do so by writing a check to St. Luke's and designating it "Fair Linen" The first time the new fair linen is used, we will place a list of dedications in the bulletin in memory or honor of your loved ones.

ST. LUKE'S WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY YARD SALE ON APRIL 20.



Needed: Furniture, kitchen items, clothes, luggage, tools, electronics, books, garden items, plants, collectables and any sell-able items for our garage sale on 4/20/24. Each person will have a table and will take home what they don't sell. This is an official fundraiser of St. Luke's so proceeds will go 50% to our staircase replacement and 25% each to ALF and Center for Family Strengthening. The yard sale will run 8 am – 2 pm. Please contact Jeanne 805-859-4991, OwenJeanne733@gmail.com to let her know the hours you can be there. Let's think of this as a way to get to know our neighbors and offer them some great deals.

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DONATIONS FOR GET ON THE BUS



Last Sunday we enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Katie and Gabby of Get on the Bus. Katie told us how much the annual trips to visit parents in prison mean to children who otherwise may not get to see their mothers or fathers for years on end. The Get on the Bus event for SLO County this year will happen in April. We have just enough time to help with the event by taking a collection of needed supplies. Gabby told us that they have not yet gotten donations of beverages for the families as they travel and when they are at the prison. We will have a box in the back of the church for donations of bottled water, juice, sodas, etc. through the 7th of April. Please bring beverages if you wish to help in this way.

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2024



We will keep the long standing tradition of having a Christmas Bazaar again this year. This is a wonderful way for our St. Luke's family to come together and share our time and gifts of crafts, baking, canning, etc. I will need and appreciate you help to make it another successful fundraising project.

I am open to any suggestions and ideas for new items to add to our sale. If you see something while you are out and about, please take a picture and send it to me and we can see if one of us is able to make it.

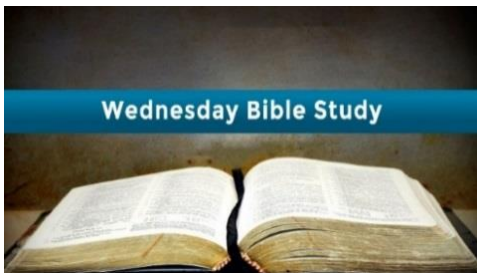
I really will need all of the help that I can get.

Thank you with love and God's help.

Janice Hickok

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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.