

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
April 21, 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



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, APRIL 23

OFFICIANT: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHY HANSEN
SECOND LESSON: ANN HOLLEY
USHER GREETERS: ANN HOLLEY
& BROOKS PECOT

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30

OFFICIANT: KATHRYN SHOWERS
HOMILIST: HAILEY RAMOS
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: LEANN BROOKS
SECOND LESSON: JEANNE OWEN
USHER GREETERS: LEANN BROOKS & COLTON

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ST. LUKE'S SPRING CALENDAR:

April 22, 2023	Enid William's Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's In-Person and on Zoom
April 22, 2023	Work Day CANCELLED . To be rescheduled
April 23, 2023	Vestry of the Whole Congregation after 9:00a.m. Service
April 23, 2023	Agape Barbecue Planning Meeting after the Vestry Meeting.
May 5-6, 2023	Plant Sale
May 14, 2023	Vestry of the Whole Congregation following the 9:00 a.m. service



Moving Forward in our Search for a New Priest

In addition to the possibility of "yoking" St. Luke's with St. Benedict's in Los Osos, we have been approached by clergy who would be interested in a half-time position, providing we were to offer a parsonage (or housing) valued at the equivalency of quarter (1/4) time cash stipend of the priest's full time salary.

To do this would involve moving the office to the Sunday School room in the Undercroft, and re-converting the cottage into a habitable dwelling. The work would include adding a shower/tub enclosure to the bathroom in the space currently occupied by the built-in bookcase in the counter's room, adding a hot water heater, modifying the existing kitchen by adding a standard kitchen sink, refrigerator and stove.

The current status of the plumbing and electrical lines is unknown and would have to be professionally evaluated, plans drawn, permits pulled, contractors hired, time and materials calculated, and the re-conversion completed. We would also need to upgrade the heater, add window coverings, and stabilize the back stairs. A rough estimate of the shortest time table to complete the re-conversion is one year, if we were to start immediately.

Whether the interested clergy would be in a position to wait that long is questionable. However, once made habitable, the housing would be an asset in terms of its rental value. The downside is that if the half-time inquirer had moved on, we would still be in the position of looking for another priest, and we would be another year out in our search, although we would have a parsonage.

I have discussed this, and other concerns with Bishop Lucinda who has agreed that she would like to discuss, generally, the future of St. Luke's with the Vestry of the Whole Church **in person on Monday, May 8th, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.** Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Holly Cooper, Sr. Warden

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OUTREACH



St. Luke's Agape Feast had its first planning meeting last Saturday. The purpose of the B.B.Q is to offer free food to those who are hungry. The B.B.Q meal will take place on Sunday, May 21, from 11:00 - 1:00 at St. Luke's on the side lawn. The menu for the B.B.Q will be hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. This will include a potluck of salads, fruit, chips, beans and desserts. The source of funding for the B.B.Q will be the Bob Gruber memorial fund. The next planning meeting will be Sunday, April 23 following the Vestry of the whole.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Holley

VESTRY OF THE WHOLE
CONGREGATION MEETING



Vestry of the Whole is scheduled for this Sunday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. We will have a potluck brunch at that meeting. We will resume our regular schedule in May, when we will meet Sunday, May 14th. We hope you'll attend in person or on Zoom on April 23rd.

Communion Anyone?



On the first Sunday of every month, when Rev. Karen is presiding at the Eucharist at St. Luke's, one of our Eucharistic Visitors, Ann Holley, Kathryn Showers or Mary Gruber, delivers communion to those who are unable to be present at church. The Communion sets are blessed at the altar table and sent with prayers for those who are receiving in this way. At present we have about 5 households on our list who we call each month to find out if they want communion delivered. If you would like to be on that list to be called each month to see if you want communion, please call Kathy Hansen, 805-721-0488 or 805-438-4568. You only need to call once and then you will be on the list until you ask to be taken off, but please call before Saturday morning to give us time to put together enough communion bags.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS - CANCELLED



The EARTH Day/ WORK Day previously scheduled for Saturday April 22 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

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REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ENID WILLIAMS



Enid Williams' life will be remembered in a hybrid Zoom service presided over by Rev. Barbara Miller at St. Luke's on Saturday, April 22nd at 11:00 AM. For many years, Enid knitted and crocheted prayer shawls which have become treasured gifts of comfort to those in need. The service of Holy Eucharist will offer Communion to those present in-person. A Zoom invitation will accompany the electronically distributed copy of the memorial service bulletin. The family has planned for coffee, tea, and cookies following the service. All food will be provided. Please address notes or cards of condolence to

Jack Williams and family, 8455 Santa Rosa Rd., Cottage 1, Atascadero, CA 93422



Plant Sale - May 5 and 6. Florrie Drum graciously donated all of her pots along with 3 garden implements, a rubber wheel barrow, a plug-in electric lawn mower and a cute garden scooter to the plant sale. We transplanted a rose bush, small rudbeckia and Shasta Daisy from her garden as well. If you are interested, please contact me for a pre-sale view. Plastic pots are free. Pre-sale will continue each Sunday at church with Jeannie's beautiful blooming bulbs. Jan's tomatoes are ready for pre-sale! Respectfully Submitted by Ann Holley



Last year at the Plant Sale, baked goods sold out on the first day! If you like to bake, we sure could use cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, bread, candy, etc. on May 5th and May 6th. Please wrap and price them for sale. Respectfully submitted by Ann Holley



The Early Bird Catches the Worm...or Trees and Flowers!

20 Trees were donated to St. Luke's by Bay Laurel Nursery. They are all fruit trees including, but not limited to, apple, peach, apricot and pear. We potted them and are pre-selling the trees for \$25.00 each. We will raise the price to \$30.00 each at the plant sale on May 5 and May 6. Please call Ann for the list of trees or if you are interested in baking for the sale. (805) 400-9406

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PLANT N' BAKE SALE



**St. Luke's
Episcopal
Church**

**Friday, May 5, 12-5
Saturday, May 6, 9-1**

ANNUALS
PERENNIALS
VEGETABLES
HERBS
TREES
HOUSE PLANTS
SUCCULENTS



**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
MINISTRIES OF ST. LUKES,
TRANSITIONAL FOOD AND SHELTER
SLO 4 HOME**

5318 Palma Ave., Atascadero
www.stlukesatascadero.org

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AGAPE MEAL

We will be hanging these posters around town to invite all hungry people to our Agape dinner. Please join us this Sunday after the vestry meeting for another planning meeting. Bring your creative, loving hearts and ideas for where to put these posters up around town. We will see you on Sunday.

St. Luke's A hospitality project of the St. Luke's Congregation

Agape Feast
Free Food!

Sunday, May 21, 2023 11-1 pm
5318 Palma Ave
Atascadero, CA 93422

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs & all the Fixings
Salad, Fruit, Dessert

If you are hungry, you are invited.

Info: office@stlukesatascadero.org

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VESTRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 12, 2023

Leann Brooks began the Vestry of the Whole meeting with a prayer at 10:06 am. The Minutes were then accepted, the Agenda adopted and the Vestry Covenant affirmed.

Moving on to the **Treasurer's Report**, Leann Brooks stated that financially, St. Luke's is in a healthy position. She explained the Bergen unrestricted fund is not limited to using only the gain, stated the Net Income is \$1500 under budget year to date, and the utilities are above budget \$448.84/\$320.00. The Financial Report was accepted.

The **Senior Warden Report** was given by Holly Cooper where she stressed that the deadline for St. Luke's weekly publications is every Tuesday, at 4:30 pm. She went on to say that there has been no response from Canon Martha regarding St. Luke's search for a new priest. Canon Martha, Holly, and leadership at St. Benedicts will meet to discuss the possibilities of "yoking" the two churches, which is not the same as merging. In the meantime, Pastor Karen will be the supply priest on the first Sunday of each month; Reverend Richard will supply in May and June on the third Sunday of the month. Kathryn Showers graciously offered to host Rev. Richard and his wife for the next 2 months when he supplies.

The **Junior Warden's Report** was next on the agenda, with Ann Holley reporting. Kristen Bethel, from the Insurance Company, has issued a new facility use form and Ann listed the organizations currently using St. Luke's for their meetings. Wilshire Community Services is interested in using St. Luke's office, on the third Tuesday of each month, to meet with Hospice Volunteers. The vestry agreed to allow Ann and Wilshire discuss the details. Regarding the back stairs, a contract has been signed with the architect!

Mary Gruber reported that a free, **Outreach Agape BBQ** is being considered for the homeless and the neighborhood, at St. Luke's, on Sunday, May 21. Potluck items and people to barbecue the hamburgers and hot dogs will be needed. Any leftover food will be distributed to the homeless.

A meeting evaluation was taken, and people were very enthusiastic. Comments ranged from "great", "informative", "we like the circle configuration", and "the best meeting in a long time"!

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the next Vestry of the Whole meeting.

Submitted by Leann Brooks

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April 11, 2023

Beloved Family in Christ,
Warm greetings from the Board of SLO Canterbury, an Episcopal **Campus** Ministry.



I wonder if you'd take a moment to recall the early years of your adult life. Where were you living? Were you working? Were you a student? Who else was there as you began to develop your own mind? Did you have someone to talk to and help you through hard questions? What spiritual grief, healing, and growth happened during that time?

Roughly 33,000 college students live in our region, studying at Cal Poly and Cuesta College. Conservative Christian groups dominate the campus ministry scene. While full of high-production activities and well-meaning leaders, in practice, fitting into these groups more often than not requires conformity to traditional roles, behaviors, and hierarchies.

Coming out of COVID-era restrictions, SLO Canterbury sought to reimagine our way of ministry. Help came in June 2022 as a two-year Diocesan Community Trailblazer grant. That grant brought The Rev. Jen Crompton to us as a half-time Campus Chaplain.

In their work, we see a campus ministry of belonging and radical hospitality, where students may grow into their authentic selves, with all the intersectional identities that may entail. We observe a ministry model like that of Jesus, walking alongside others on the road to Emmaus, and seeking out and building relationships with those excluded from the dominant group, in the hope that Jesus is made known to those with whom we connect. We believe that 33,000 college students are worthy of our commitment to ensure that this inclusive campus ministry endures beyond our Community Trailblazer grant. Our students are worthy of a long-term, full-time Chaplain.

The Board has set a goal of increasing our annual budget from \$43,000 to \$200,000 annually to provide salary, benefits, and housing for a full-time Chaplain, and cover program expenses. We seek individual donations, Parish and Diocesan contributions, grants, and in-kind gifts (apartment? ADU? house?). We are grateful to have already been awarded \$25,000 in grants from the Diocese and the Episcopal Church Office of Young Adult Campus Ministries.

We wholeheartedly invite you to join us in this commitment by contributing any amount. If a regular monthly contribution would work best for you, we'd be delighted to welcome you as one of our monthly Sustaining Donors.

Send a check via mail or Bill Pay to:	SLO Canterbury Foundation (EIN: 26-3235600) c/o St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 1344 Nipomo Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Give online via PayPal:	https://bit.ly/CanterburySLOGive
Give online via direct bank transfer:	ABA: 122238420 Account: 9637111583

Thank you for your generosity and your prayers,
Rachel Mann, Chair, SLO Canterbury

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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!
VOLUNTEER AS AN ENGLISH TUTOR IN ATASCADERO!**

Become a volunteer tutor with Literacy for Life! We are a nonprofit organization that aims to teach non-literate adults how to read, speak, and write basic English. Tutors and learners meet in one-on-one sessions at our learning centers, where the learner sets and meets their own literacy goals.

Want to help? Sign up for our next virtual tutor training. These trainings will be held online via Zoom on Saturday, May 6 AND Saturday May 20, 2023 from 10am-12:30pm. Both sessions are required and are free of charge.

For more information or to sign up, please call **805-541-4219**, email **assistant@literacyforlifeslo.org**, or visit our website at **www.literacyforlifeslo.org**



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Literacy for Life is a California State Library Literacy Service.

READ ON. WRITE ON. SPEAK UP.

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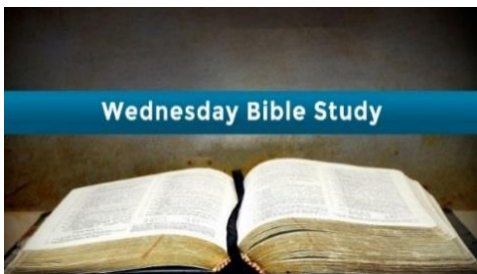
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES



St. Luke's will continue to report their community engagement to Bishop Lucinda as part of St. Luke's Annual Community (ACE) Program. The

ACE program captures the number of times members engaged with or were involved or were involved in contact (i.e. pastoral care or prayer requests) with other members or friends of the congregation or provided service to individuals or other organizations like feeding folks at ECHO, helping set up an apartment for Transitional Food & Shelter, or tutored someone in reading. In the last half of 2022, St. Lukeans reported 6,055 contacts with members and friends of the congregation and 4,200 contacts with the larger community outside St. Luke's. Keep up the good work.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES



St. Luke's Bible Study Group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the church office for its study of the Book of Genesis.



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 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.