

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
April 7, 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.

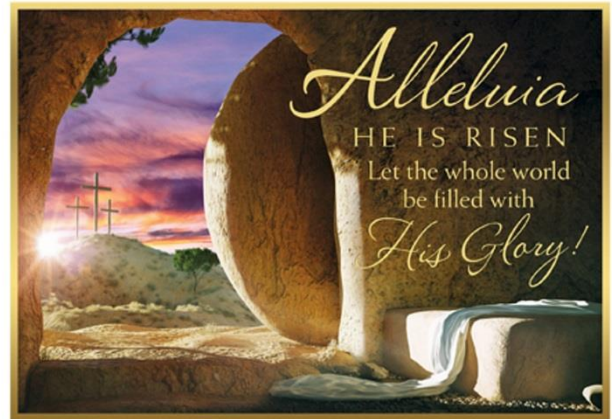
LINKS TO ALL SERVICES ARE ON OUR WEBSITE
stlukesatascadero.org



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 9

OFFICIANT: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT
MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: MARY GRUBER
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: HOLLY COOPER
SECOND LESSON: MARY GRUBER
USHER GREETERS: HOLLY COOPER
& MARY GRUBER

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16

OFFICIANT: HOLLY COOPER
HOMILIST: LAURA LEARNED
MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHRYN SHOWERS
SECOND LESSON: JUDY LEWIS
USHER GREETERS: KATHRYN SHOWERS

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ST. LUKE'S SPRING CALENDAR:

Good Friday St. James 7:00 p.m. Mother Barbara Miller
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. St. James Mother Barbara Miller
Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Pastor Karen Siegfriedt
Enid William's Memorial Service – time TBD
Vestry of the Whole Congregation after 10:00a.m. service
Plant Sale
Enid William's Memorial Service – time TBD



In celebration of the Risen Lord, the office will be closed April 10-April 14.
May the miracle of this season bring you joy and fill your heart with peace.

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Moving Forward in our Search for a New Priest

Canon Martha has been asked by the Bishop to explore possibly "yoking" St. Luke's with St. Benedicts in Los Osos. Under this arrangement, both churches would continue to operate independently but contribute jointly to covering a new priest's full-time salary. St. Benedict's current priest is retiring on Pentecost, May 28th. The Committee working with Canon Martha to draft questions has completed its work. These questions will be used in interviewing candidates for the position of Rector-in-charge. Thank you to those who participated in this important work.

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

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GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING



The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

For 101 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond. Check out our <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/gfo-history/> to learn more about this life-changing ministry.

To contribute to this ministry, send a check or cash to St. Luke's with a memo "Good Friday Offering"

VESTRY OF THE WHOLE MEETING DATE CHANGE



Because Easter falls on the second Sunday in April when our regular Vestry of the Whole would normally meet, the meeting has been rescheduled for [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.

QUILT DAY IS COMING UP AGAIN!



Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 9:00-12:00.

Quilt for Disaster Relief

Saturday, April 15, 2023, you are invited to make blanket quilts for distribution in disaster areas.

A blanket quilt is made of 3 layers. The top layer is made from fabric squares (these are already made). Next, is a blanket. The bottom is a bed sheet. These are sewn together along the edge in the correct order, turned right side out and tied together with heavy thread. These are sturdy enough to roll up and sleep in. There is something for everyone to do. Can you tie a knot, pin 2 pieces of fabric together, or bring your sewing machine? Please join us in friendship and prayer. It's a good way to feel a part of giving in a world where people are waiting to receive. P.S. coffee, tea and breakfast snacks will be available. We will gather from 9:00-12:00.

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**YOU ARE INVITED
TO GOD'S TABLE**

If you are unable to be in church and would like to have Communion delivered to your home by our Eucharistic Visitors, please call Kathy Hansen 805-721-0488, or 805-438-4568 once you are on our list, we will call you each month to find out if you want communion.

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.



Easter is Coming!

WE WANT TO DECORATE THE FLOWER CROSS THIS YEAR. PLEASE BRING CUT FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN TO DECORATE THE CROSS.

WE ALSO WANT TO HAVE OUR TRADITIONAL EASTER BRUNCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING SOME FOOD FOR THE EASTER BRUNCH, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO. CALL KATHY HANSEN, 805-721-0488 OR 805-438-4568 TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING, OR JUST WING IT AND BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTION ALONG WHEN YOU COME EASTER MORNING. WEATHER PERMITTING WE WILL HAVE THE TABLES SET UP IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH AS USUAL AND WE WILL HAVE A LOVELY MEAL TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST.

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REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ENID WILLIAMS



Enid Williams died on Sunday, March 26, 2023. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her husband, Jack Williams, and their four daughters and family. On April 22, the family wants to celebrate Enid's life with a Zoom service at St. Luke's so that their far-flung family and friends may join together. Please address notes or cards of condolence to the Williams Family, 8455 Santa Rosa Rd., Cottage 1, Atascadero, CA 93422.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



Work Day

We had a wonderful and productive work day on March 31. The power of Pizza fueled us for 4 hours of trimming, mowing and pulling weeds. Well, the weeds are still growing. Please join us again for EARTH Day/ WORK Day on Saturday April 22 from 9-12. Let's continue with the work we began in March. Coffee, Tea and Donuts will be served.

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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. Maybe Jan's Tomatoes will be ready for pre-sale in April! 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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Friday, May 5, 12-5
Saturday, May 6, 9-1

ANNUALS
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VEGETABLES
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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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**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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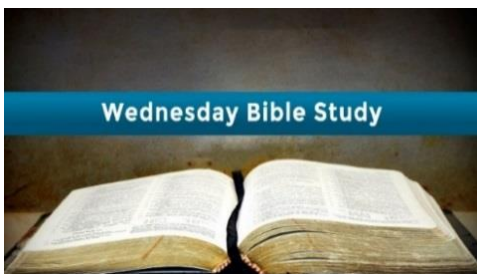
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES



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 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 home of Holly Cooper (10952 Las Casitas, Atascadero, CA 93422) for its study of the Book of Genesis. If you are interested in joining

the group, please contact Holly Cooper so she can provide you with parking information for the complex.



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 small black table in the narthex) 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.