

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
May 12, 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, MAY 14

OFFICIANT: HOLLY COOPER
HOMILIST: HOLLY COOPER
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: ANN HOLLEY
SECOND LESSON: MARY GRUBER
USHER GREETERS: FLORRIE DRUMM & MARY GRUBER

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
ON SUNDAY, MAY 21

OFFICIANT: THE REV. RICHARD LESLIE
MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHRYN SHOWERS
SECOND LESSON: JUDY LEWIS
USHER GREETERS: KATHRYN SHOWERS &
BROOKS PECOT

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ST. LUKE'S SPRING CALENDAR:

May 14, 2023	Vestry of the Whole Congregation Meeting Cancelled
May 18, 2023	4:00 p.m. Ascension Day Bubble Up at the Ferree Home
May 21, 2023	The Rev. Richard Leslie - Holy Eucharist
May 21, 2023	11-1 - Agape Barbecue
May 28, 2023	Pentecost The Rev. Karen Siegfriedt - Holy Eucharist
June 11, 2023	Vestry of the Whole Congregation following the 9:00 a.m. service
June 4, 2023	The Rev. Karen Siegfriedt - Holy Eucharist
June 18, 2023	The Rev. Richard Leslie - Holy Eucharist
June 11, 2023	Kathryn Showers, Presider
June 25, 2023	Holly Cooper, Presider
July 9, 2023	Kathryn Showers, Presider
July 30, 2023	Holly Cooper, Presider



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



MAY 14 TH MEETING OF VESTRY OF THE
WHOLE CONGREGATION CANCELED

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.



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.

Because of a scheduling conflict with the May 14th Vestry of the Whole falling on Mother's Day, and difficulty rescheduling the meeting on other Sundays of the month, the May Vestry meeting has been canceled. Any emergency decisions requiring Vestry approval will be circulated electronically with a deadline for written voting on the matter at hand to be received at the church. If such an occasion should arise, you will be given more detailed instructions on the procedure for casting your vote. Our next scheduled Vestry meeting will be June 11th at 10:00 AM and will include a potluck.

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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.
The Agape Feast

Prepare for the Agape Feast. Meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:00 to talk about food and how to serve it, table settings, and staging. Contact Mary Gruber if you would like to donate a food item which was on the sign-up sheet last Sunday. Please come to the work day on Saturday, May 20 from 9-12 to weed and prepare for Sunday's feast. The feast will begin at 11:00 on Sunday May 21. Reverend Richard Leslie will be our Priest that day and our Deacon, Reverend Jim will be here too. The leftover food, if there is any, will be given to us to share with neighbors, friends and relatives. We look forward to the 21st.



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
April 23, 2023

The Vestry of The Whole Meeting began at 10:08 am.

The minutes were accepted with a correction to be made, the agenda adopted, and the Vestry Covenant affirmed.

Treasurer's Report: St. Luke's is on budget as projected. However, support is almost \$5000 less than last year, at this point.

Senior Warden's Report: The deadline for St. Luke's weekly publications is every Tuesday at 4:30 pm.

The Vestry was informed of the possibility of hiring a Priest at 1/4 time if the office is converted to a parsonage. Discussion postponed until the Bishop's in-person visit on May 8, at 6 pm. (There will be no Zoom provided, in person attendance is encouraged.)

A request from SLO County for St. Luke's to serve as a polling place on 3/5/24 and 11/5/24, was approved.

Supply Priest Update: ELCA Pastor Ellen Ayres has agreed to serve the 3rd Sunday of the month.

The Livescan registration process for Church Leadership and safe church training will be happening soon.

Junior Warden's Report: Rain gutters cleaned. Sound System now includes speakers inside Church. Website design continues.

Water damage to Undercroft: presently undergoing mitigation. Waiting for visit from Insurance Adjuster. Determining if insurance will cover cost of additional fixes.

Staircase Update: Architect has submitted drawings to Engineer. (Phase One)
The project will be out for bids in the future.

Next Regular Vestry of the Whole meeting to be arranged.

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ASCENSION DAY BUBBLE UP PARTY
SALLY AND MIKE FERREE'S HOME
THURSDAY, MAY 18 TH AT 4:00 PM



Sally and Mike Ferree are hosting the St. Luke's Ascension Day Bubble Up party at their home, 7495 Pinal Ave., Atascadero. The Bubble Up party will begin at 4:00 and will be a potluck. So come join us, prepare to blow some bubbles in honor of Ascension Day, and we will feast on our shared supper. Thank you, Sally and Mike, for resuming this St. Luke's tradition!

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BOB CUMMINGS



*Celebration
of life*

The family and friends of Bob Cummings will gather to celebrate his life well lived **Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 AM** in the Atascadero Lake Pavilion. Please honor his memory by celebrating Bob's life among us.

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Thank You



The plant and bake sale was a success! We raised 2,000.00 dollars for our general fund with our 10% tithe split between SLO 4 Home and Transitional food and Shelter. Thank all of you who supported this fundraiser by baking, growing plants, setting up, cleaning up, being the cashier and being the customer.

Aids Life Cycle is a non-profit organization that supports the *San Francisco Aids Foundation* and the *Los Angeles LGBT Center*.

They raise funds through their yearly bicycle ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles every June.

The ride comes through San Luis Obispo County starting in San Miguel.

For the past 6 years I have been supporting this through monetary donation and by presence. On the day they come into the county I set up a "booth" at the north end of Mission Street and greet the riders as they round the curve on to Mission Street from Camp Roberts.

The date this year is **Tuesday June 6th**. I will arrive at about 8:30am and I usually stay until 3. The riders come through hot and tired and thirsty. They have another mile + to go for the rest break, food, bathrooms, and so on but they really appreciate a quick spritz and splash, a hand

slap, and high five as they make their way to the shade.

They are so appreciative. I would love to have company this year. If you would like to join me in supporting these riders with your presence please contact me. Dcn. Susan Arnold, 805-550-

2907 dcnsusan.stbarnabas@gmail.com.

Below is the link to their website and their donation page.

<https://www.aidslifecycle.org/>

https://actnow.tofighthiv.org/site/TR/?fr_id=2381&pg=pfind&_ga=2.204664656.1369604350.1653327624-322515496.1653327624



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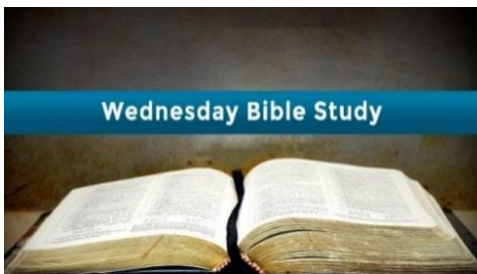
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES



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.