

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
May 26, 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 28 PENTECOST**
OFFICIANT: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT
DEACON: JAMES ARNOLD
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHY HANSEN
SECOND LESSON: JEANNE OWEN
USHER GREETERS: JAN HICKOK & JEANNE OWEN



Wear Red for Pentecost!

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June 11, 2023
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June 4, 2023
June 18, 2023
June 25, 2023
July 9, 2023
July 30, 2023

ST. LUKE'S SPRING CALENDAR:

Pentecost The Rev. Karen Siegfriedt - Holy Eucharist
Kathryn Showers, Presider
Vestry of the Whole Congregation following the 9:00 a.m. service
The Rev. Karen Siegfriedt - Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Richard Leslie - Holy Eucharist
Holly Cooper, Presider
Kathryn Showers, Presider
Holly Cooper, Presider

SCAM ALERT!



You may have received an email Wednesday, May 18th from holly.stlukesatascadero@gmail.com. This is a scam. Please do not open or respond to the email. Delete it from your mail. Our correct email addresses are office@stlukesatascadero.org and office@stlukesatascadero.com. If you question the validity of an email, please click on the sender's name and the sender's email address should pop up.

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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Our Agape Meal!



The St. Luke's Agape barbecue last Sunday was a huge success. The outreach folks, led by Mary Gruber and the guys on the grill put together a splendid feast for all who were hungry. We packed up meals which were delivered to the unhoused and the homebound. Everyone was thankful for the food. It was a splendid feast funded by the Bob Gruber Memorial Fund (thank you, Mary!). It fed our bodies; but, more important, it fed our souls. As Deacon Jim said, "You guys rock!"

From Mary Gruber

I would like to thank all St. Luke's family that helped with the Agape feast. It was truly a team effort. So nice to see everyone working together. Although we didn't have many from the food deprived community come, we did deliver many meals to those in need and our neighbors. What was left over all went to ECHO and enjoyed by ECHO residents. Even though we are a small community we can all be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let us keep our ears and eyes open as to how we can continue this mission. We will have a meeting on **May 28 after church** to discuss what worked and what did not. Thank you again for all who barbecued, made salads and desserts, and those that served the food. Special thanks to Roger Taber, Joe McJimsey and Kathy Hansen for their ideas and support. With Love, Mary Gruber

A Letter from Our Neighbor

Kathy,

We are continually reminded of how fortunate we are to have St. Luke's for a near neighbor. Holed up in quarantine, we were alerted by a friendly knock. Opening the door slightly, I explained that we in the house had COVID. The visitors, respecting the quarantine, offered to leave us food on the porch, which they did.

We are so grateful. The good and generous food was flavored with unconditional love. We thoroughly enjoyed it. It filled our bodies with abundant nourishment and our hearts with abundant love. We are better now. Our quarantine has expired. Our memories are brightened by our recent encounter with the pure goodness of which our fellow humans are capable. Thank you especially for that much needed reassurance in such belligerent times.

Alan

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Moving Forward in our Search for a New Priest

In addition to the possibility of pairing 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. Holly Cooper, Sr. Warden

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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.

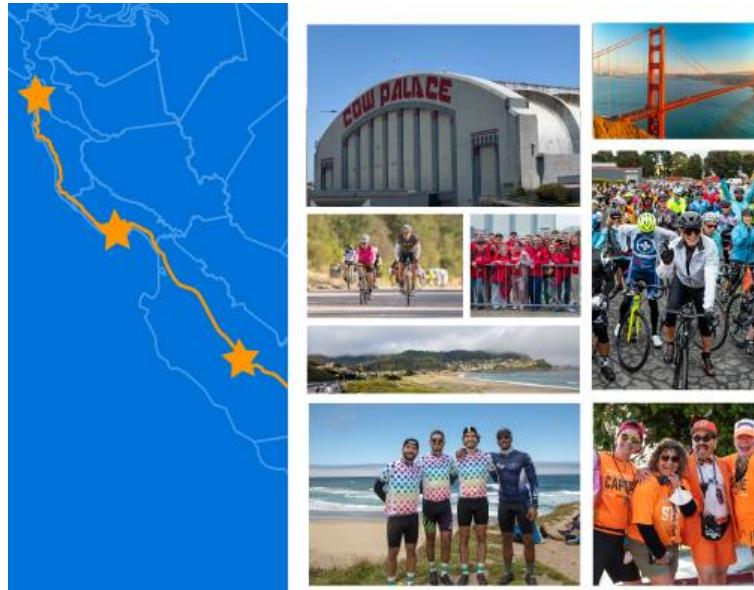
Junior Warden's Report: Rain gutters cleaned. Sound System now includes speakers inside Church. Website design continues.

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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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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Central Coast
Home Health and Hospice
is looking for Volunteers in:



**All San Luis Obispo County &
North Santa Barbara County**

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved, give back
to your community and act with purpose?

Join us for a Free, In-Person

Volunteer Training

Fridays, July 21, 28, & Aug 4, 2023

Our volunteers provide companionship and respite to our patients and their families. The training will teach you about hospice and how to support someone who has a life limiting illness. While you are learning about death and dying, you are also learning about living fully.

This inspiring work is incredibly fulfilling!

A wonderful opportunity for students, retired people, or anyone who has
a few hours a week to make a difference.

We hope you'll consider joining us.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact us by emailing:

sonya.jackson@cchh08.com or calling our office at 805-540-6020.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES

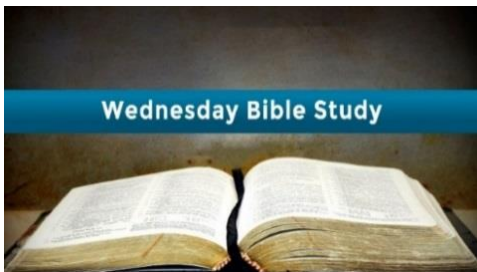


St. Luke's will continue to report their community engagement to Bishop Lucinda as part of St. Luke's Annual Community

(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

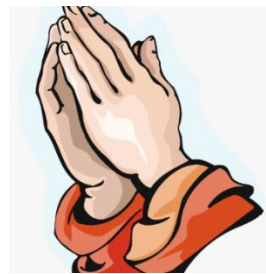


St. Luke's Bible Study Group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the church office for its study of the Book of Genesis.



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 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.