

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
July 28, 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, JULY 30

OFFICIANT: THE REV. JAMES ARNOLD
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHY HANSEN
SECOND LESSON: JEANNE OWEN
USHER GREETERS: JAN HICKOK & ANN HOLLEY

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

PRESIDER: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: HOLLY COOPER
SECOND LESSON: MARY GRUBER
USHER GREETERS: HOLLY COOPER & MARY GRUBER

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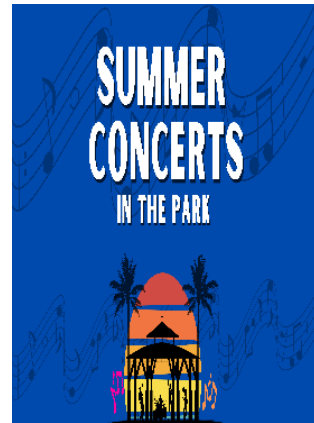
ST. LUKE'S SUMMER CALENDAR



July 30, 2023	Rev. James Arnold, Presider
August 6, 2023	Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, Holy Eucharist
August 13, 2023	Kathryn Showers, Presider, Laura Learned, Preacher
August 20, 2023	Rev. Ellen Ayres, Holy Eucharist
August 27, 2023	Rev. James Arnold, Presider, Kathy Hansen, Preacher

TUESDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Please join other St. Lukeans for dinner each Tuesday evening before the Community Band concert at 6:00 PM in the picnic area near the Atascadero Lake Band Pavilion. You will need to bring your own food and beverage. The summer concerts begin in June and continue through August. You will need a low-backed chair or a blanket to enjoy the concert.



Moving Forward in our Search for a New Priest

There is no news on the priest search update. There has only been one passing inquiry from someone interested in a paid ¼ time priest position with an equivalence in on-site parsonage equal to ¼ time salary equivalence. To our knowledge, there has been no formal inquiry to the diocese. The Vestry of the Whole tabled a discussion of the possibility of converting the cottage to a residence.

From This Life to the Next

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Jack Williams. He died at home surrounded by his family Friday, July 21 st in hospice care. The family is planning to hold a memorial service.

Service details will be announced in the near future. We mourn the loss of our dear, witty friend.

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**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH**



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Pastor Karen Siegfriedt will be Blessing the Backpacks on Sunday, August 6th for all of you students, educators, tutors and those involved in learning and the return to studies. Please bring your backpack or a token of your learning or teaching, and she will bless you as you return to learning.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS - THE FLOOD



Next Sunday, there will be an opportunity to see flooring material samples and paint colors which potentially will be used in our refurbished undercroft. I will have an informal gathering after church and everyone may ask questions, make suggestions and comment on flooring.

Based on those comments I will confer with the flooring team and make a recommendation to the vestry of the whole on August 13. After that, we will ask for a contract from the chosen contractor and away we go! Please join me after church on this coming Sunday. – Ann

CONRADS ARE LOOKING FOR RENTAL HOME

Rev. Matthew and Diana Conrad are looking for a 3 bedroom rental home, preferably in Atascadero. They will consider surrounding communities. They are moving following the sale of their home in Atascadero. If you know of an available 3 bedroom rental, please email Fr. Matt at: mdrad@sbcglobal.net.



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VESTRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Vestry of the Whole Summary, July 9, 2023

St. Luke's July Vestry of the whole meeting started at 10:02 am, with an opening prayer by Leann Brooks. There were 10 voting members present in person and four voting members on Zoom, plus three children. An Outreach report, after the Treasurer's Report was added to the Agenda, and the written reports were accepted with thanks.

During the re-affirmation and signing of the Vestry Covenant, Holly Cooper stated her opinion of St. Luke's conduct with the Diocese. She felt members had been contentious, rude, and difficult with the way we interacted with the Diocese. She warned that the Diocese will now be highly cautious of who they select as a possible candidate for priest at this location.

During the Sr. Warden's report, Holly Cooper, stated Bishop Lucinda and the Chancellor stated that we could not vote to continue vestry of the whole so last month's motion must be rescinded but the Bishop was willing to extend her Vestry of the Whole "experiment", at St. Luke's, for one more year. Leann moved to rescind last month's vestry decision and Jan seconded. Motion passed.

We were informed we could submit a proposal to convention to codify vestry of the whole.

Kathryn Showers reported on progress for LiveScan, and encouraged everyone who is in leadership to participate. An organization number will be given, and people will need to get fingerprinted at Perry's Parcel. More information will follow as Katherine receives it.

During the Jr. Warden's report, Brooks Pecot, read Ann Holley's report. There was much discussion on the visual proposal Holly Cooper presented from Dillon Young. Holly recommended not entering into agreement with Dillon until the particulars of the license can be worked out. Kathryn Showers pointed out that clear verification is needed that Dillon has a contractor's license, is bonded, and insured, before we sign the agreement. She also stated we needed more bids. Holly will message Ann Holley that we need at least another bid. This item was Tabled.

The Agenda was accepted, as were the Minutes from the previous Vestry meeting. Leann Brooks gave the Financial Report: A Motion was made to accept the Financial Report by Holly Cooper and seconded by Judy. Leann, stated she would like to see the Outreach contribution go back to 50%. Jeanne Owen made the motion to move the Outreach contribution back to 50%. Brooks Pecot seconded it and the motion passed. The donations will go to SLO 4 Home and to the medically fragile transitional food and shelter organizations.

Jeanne Owen, reported that in spite of the 104 degree temperature, the trunk sale made more than \$100 for St. Luke's and it was fun being together, and it was a good outreach for the community.

The renovation of the cottage discussion was tabled for when there is more clarity on the issue.



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Dear St. Lukeans,

This is a letter which I sent out this week to all those active members of our Vestry of the Whole Congregation who were not physically present at the July 9, 2023, meeting when we signed the Vestry Covenant. I am asking that they sign a copy of the Covenant affirming that they commit to follow our Vestry Covenant as a basis for all of their interactions in church governance and in civil discourse among one another and those to whom they reach out as members of St. Luke's Vestry of the Whole Congregation.

Faithfully,
Holly

July 18, 2023

The St. Luke's Vestry of the Whole Congregation agreed to abide by and commit to the following affirmations of conduct (attached) with respect to participation in our church governance meetings, discussions and other interactions. Personally, I would hope that these affirmations would be the basis for all of our civic interactions.

I am directing this letter to all members who have participated in Vestry meetings within the last year, either in present or on Zoom, who have not yet signed the Vestry Covenant. Please read, affirm, and sign the Covenant and return it to the office in the enclosed envelope no later than **August 7, 2023**, *if you wish to continue to be a voting member of the Vestry of the Whole Congregation.*

If we are to proceed in our search for a priest to lead St. Luke's, we need to demonstrate that we can interact with civility and courtesy in all our interactions. In my opinion, we do ourselves no favor by any incivility, and we will find ourselves impeded in our priest search by any such behavior.

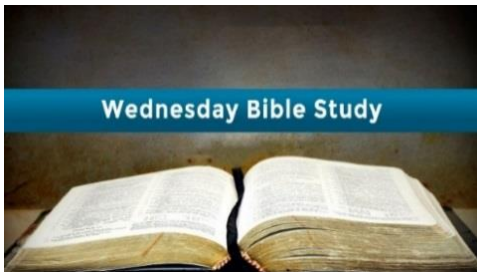
I know that we can listen to our better angels and really live these basic "rules of the road" we've all decided on as we go forward.

Yours faithfully,

Holly Cooper,
Sr. Warden

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SMALL GROUP STUDIES



St. Luke's Bible Study Group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. – call Holly Cooper for the meeting location. Exodus is up next!



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.