

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
August 4, 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, AUGUST 6

PRESIDER: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT
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, AUGUST 13

OFFICIANT: KATHRYN SHOWERS
MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: JUDY LEWIS
SECOND LESSON: JUDY LEWIS
USHER GREETERS: JAN HICKOK & ANN HOLLEY

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ST. LUKE'S SUMMER CALENDAR

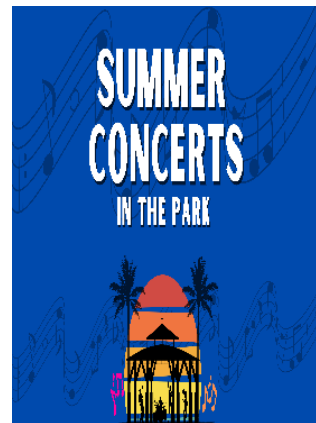


August 6, 2023
August 13, 2023
August 20, 2023
August 27, 2023

Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, Holy Eucharist
Kathryn Showers, Presider & Preacher
Rev. Ellen Ayres, Holy Eucharist
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.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

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.





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A NOTE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

I would like to clarify some confusion which has arisen related to my request for all those participating in Vestry of the Whole Congregation, whether in person or on Zoom, sign a copy of the Vestry Covenant affirming their agreement to abide by the stated norms in all their church-related behavior. (We, as a whole, constitute St. Luke's.) First, there was a proof reading error in the pledge to attend monthly Vestry of the Whole meetings *in person*. The pledge should simply have read attend monthly Vestry of the Whole meetings. Second, and this is very important, I have *no authority* to establish the rules governing who is entitled to vote. That is a decision made by either the Vestry of the whole or by the Bishop, as the Vestry of the Whole is a creature of her experimental structure. I apologize for any misstatement on my part. I plan to step away from this position following our annual meeting in January, 2024. We are a small congregation, which being lay-led, means that all of us need to lead. We need to plan for an orderly transition of leadership if we are to maintain continuity. Please consider your gifts. I am more than happy to have someone shadow me during the intervening months. However, we need to plan for this eventuality: I am retiring effective the annual meeting in January, 2024.

AFFIRMATION OF VESTRY OF THE WHOLE COVENANT

As a member of the St. Luke's Vestry of the Whole, I commit to:

Fulfill my obligation as a fiduciary on behalf of St. Luke's

Attend monthly Vestry meetings

Be prepared on the issues

Listen attentively

Practice patience

Be respectful, kind, and considerate of others

Stay on topic

Speak to the issue, not the person

Do not interrupt or speak over someone else

Refrain from side conversations during the Vestry meeting

Refrain from committee work

Seek consensus on all actions

Follow through on action items

Support Vestry decisions

SIGNED:

DATE:

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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 id planning to hold a memorial service.

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

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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Join Us in Making a Difference at ECHO Paso and Atascadero!

Are you passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness? We invite you to become a part of the ECHO family and join us in our mission to provide support, compassion, and resources to those in need.

ECHO Paso and ECHO Atascadero are in need of dedicated volunteers like you to help us create a safe and welcoming environment for our residents. Your time and efforts can truly make a difference and help us transform lives. Whether you have a few hours to spare or can commit to a regular schedule, there are numerous ways you can contribute:

1. Meal Assistance: Help us prepare and serve nutritious meals to our residents. Your support ensures that everyone receives a warm meal and experiences the comforting feeling of a shared table.
2. Mentorship and Skills Training: Share your knowledge and expertise by becoming a mentor or facilitating workshops to empower our residents with new skills. Whether its job readiness, financial literacy, or personal development, your guidance can be life-changing.
3. Shelter Support: Assist our shelter staff with various tasks such as cleaning, organizing, and maintaining the facilities. Your help ensures that our residents have a clean, safe, and comfortable place to stay.

By volunteering at ECHO Paso or ECHO Atascadero, you will not only make a difference in the lives of those we serve but also gain a sense of fulfillment and connection within your community.

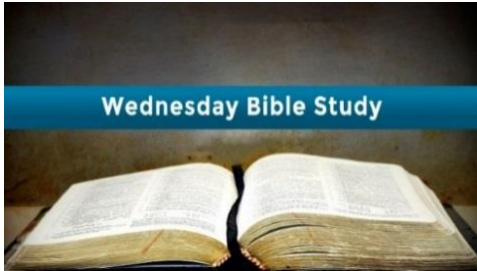
If you are ready to lend a helping hand and be a catalyst for positive change, we would love to have you on board. Please visit our website or contact us directly to learn more about volunteering opportunities and how you can get involved. (Insert Website Link)

Together, let's create a community where compassion, support, and hope thrive. Join us at ECHO Paso and ECHO Atascadero and be a part of something truly impactful.

Thank you for your willingness to make a difference!

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SMALL GROUP STUDIES



Bible Study is on bye until September 6th when we will begin Exodus. St. Luke's Bible Study Group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. – call Holly Cooper for the meeting location.



Gather with Taizé Music Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm
If interested and would like an invitation to attend, please send an email to castlewood16@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.