

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter
September 1, 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, SEPTEMBER 3**

OFFICIANT: THE REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: KATHRYN SHOWERS
MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHY HANSEN
SECOND LESSON: KATHRYN SHOWERS
USHER GREETERS: ANN HOLLEY & BROOKS PECOT

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

OFFICIANT: THE REV. CARO HALL
MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: JUDY LEWIS
SECOND LESSON: LEANN BROOKS & COLTON
USHER GREETERS: BARB BABKA & JAN HICKOK

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ST. LUKE'S FALL CALENDAR	
September 3, 2023	Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, Holy Eucharist
September 10, 2023	Rev. Caro Hall, Holy Eucharist
September 17, 2023	Kathryn Showers, Presider, Gordon Fuglie, Preacher
September 24, 2023	Rev. James Arnold, Presider, Kathy Hansen, Preacher
October 1, 2023	The Blessing of the Animals, Rev. Karen Siegfriedt, Holy Eucharist
October 8, 2023	Kathryn Showers, Presider, Kathy Hansen, Preaching
October 8, 2023	Vestry of the Whole Congregation Meeting
October 15, 2023	Ellen Ayres, Holy Eucharist
October 22, 2023	Jim Arnold Morning Prayer

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.



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 21st in hospice care. We mourn the loss of our dear, witty friend. Jack's family has announced that his memorial service (hybrid) will be held Monday, September 18th at 11:00 at St. Luke's. Mother Barbara Miller will preside in a service of Holy Communion. There will be a short reception to follow immediately after the service.



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.

UPDATE ON THE UNDERCROFT

Eddie Evangelista, of Evangelista's Construction, our contractor on the Undercroft rebuild has been very busy this week working on the floor leveling, drywall, and assorted other jobs. The work should be completed in a couple of weeks depending on the delivery of the flooring material we selected. When completed, we will formally dedicate the area as the Cummings Fellowship Hall. Ann Holley, Jr. Warden





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A NOTE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As I have previously announced, *I will be resigning as senior warden effective the January 2024 Annual Meeting.* At Sunday's Vestry of the Whole I was tasked with emailing to the entire Vestry the "job description" of the Senior Warden. You should have received it in your email Sunday, August 13, 2023. I am hopeful that this will be an aid in raising up leadership with these skillsets. I am willing for our selected leadership to shadow me during the intervening period. Please pray and offer up those talents you may have. You will not be asked to do this alone. However, the consequences for not doing this planning can be dire for the congregation. I ask your help with this task. You will find the "job descriptions" attached below. Faithfully, Holly

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENIOR WARDEN 2022

WEEKLY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Confirm Supply Clergy to preside over Holy Eucharist and preach for 1st and 3rd Sundays
- Confirm Deacons or lay leaders for 2nd and 4th Sundays to lead Morning Prayer and preach
- Supervise production of service bulletin
- Draft articles for weekly e-newsletter; update announcements regarding deanery and diocesan events
- Coordinate distribution weekly Zoom invitation for Sunday service with bulletin/newsletter attachments
- Prepare weekly announcements
- Field calls for pastoral care (arranging with priest, deacon for visitation, last rites, funeral services); phone or visits by Caring Parish Committee members
- Facilitate Small Group studies between St. Luke's and UMC
- Generate P.O.'s if required; sign checks if needed
- Confirm bi-weekly report of employee hours to ADP

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Meet with Finance Committee to review monthly financial report and make financial recommendations to Vestry of the Whole Congregation
- Meet with Junior Warden to evaluate programmatic and renovation projects
- Draft the Agenda for the Vestry Meeting of the Whole Congregation
- Compile and distribute the Vestry packet of Agenda, Minutes, Reports from officers and Deacons; balance sheet and P& L statement supplied by Treasurer for Vestry Meeting of the Whole Congregation
- Chair the monthly Vestry Meeting
- Prepare and distribute Vestry Highlights in the weekly newsletter following the meeting
- Notify the Bishop and Canon Martha of decisions made by the Vestry
- Support implementation of Bishop's/Canon's plan to call a new part-time Priest-in-charge for St. Luke's
- Attend Quarterly Meetings with Mother Barbara and Deacons to set the Clergy Service Rota for St. James and St. Luke's
- Attend the monthly meeting of Caring Parish Ministry Committee
- Support re-configuring of St. Luke's website and posting of Parish Profile

ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recruit and schedule Supply Clergy for Sunday and special services during the Interregnum Period
- Recruit Deacons and laity to lead and preach on alternative Sundays during Interregnum Period



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- Prepare agenda, gather minutes and reports for the Annual Meeting scheduled for February 12, 2023.
- Chair the Annual Meeting and election of officers.
- Work with Treasurer to prepare the Parochial Report
- Recruit and contract with independent auditor approved by the diocese to complete annual audit.
- Work with Stewardship Committee to develop/complete the stewardship campaign.
- Assist with preparation of Annual Budget.
- Facilitate discussion of our current financial situation
- Review contracts for special projects.
- Consult with Chancellor as needed; sign contracts on behalf of St. Luke's
- Work with Vestry of the Whole to prioritize projects for repair and renovation of buildings and grounds.
- Introduce the congregation to the Bi-vocational ministry model at St. Luke's

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Implement Vestry of the Whole Congregation model at St. Luke's
- Work with members of the tech committee to upgrade Office Administrator's computer
- Consult with City of Atascadero Building Department regarding code requirements for replacement of the emergency exit from the sanctuary.
- Work with Jr. Warden to update bids to renovate the staircase and Cummings Fellowship Hall.
- Support re-design of St. Luke's website and posting of Parish Profile
- Facilitate completion of the search process for a new part time Priest-in-Charge

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENIOR WARDEN 2023 (MODIFICATION OF 2022 REPORT)

WEEKLY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Modify last 2022 item to: Confirm *semi-monthly* report of employee hours and report payroll to ADP
- Deal with payroll problems as they arise with Treasurer, Bookkeeper, and ADP
- Calculate and report annual hourly wage increases as voted by Diocese

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsibility for distribution of Vestry Highlights and weekly announcements delegated to rotation of laity.
- Change: Attend Quarterly meetings with Mother Barbara....to set Clergy Service Rota to: recruit supply clergy, Episcopal Ministers, licensed homilists, and others. Plan and establish Rota ongoing. Coordinate with Liturgy Schedule preparation
- Assure payment of Supply clergy for services on date of service

ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsibilities remain as outlined in 2022

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Responsibilities remain as outlined in 2022

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VESTRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
August 13, 2023

Meeting opened at 10:00 AM. After the adoption of the agenda, the previous meeting's minutes were corrected and accepted.

Vestry Covenant was affirmed by all.

Consent agenda items passed.

1. Request for permission to allow various quilts, table runners, and miscellaneous items found during the inventory to be sold at the Christmas Bazaar. (Prayer shawls to be set aside for future distribution.)
2. \$6,500.00 from Diocesan sale of real estate to be deposited in operating account.
3. \$15,000.00 from Diocesan Investment Trust to go to Capital Checking-Undercroft.
4. \$1,320.00 in undesignated memorial funds to be transferred to capital checking- Undercroft.

Executive Officer's Transition:

Sr. Warden, Holly Cooper, announced her resignation effective the Annual Meeting, 2024. Holly offered her time to prepare the new Sr. Warden for the job. The Vestry requested that the Sr. Warden email a copy of the "job description" to all members.

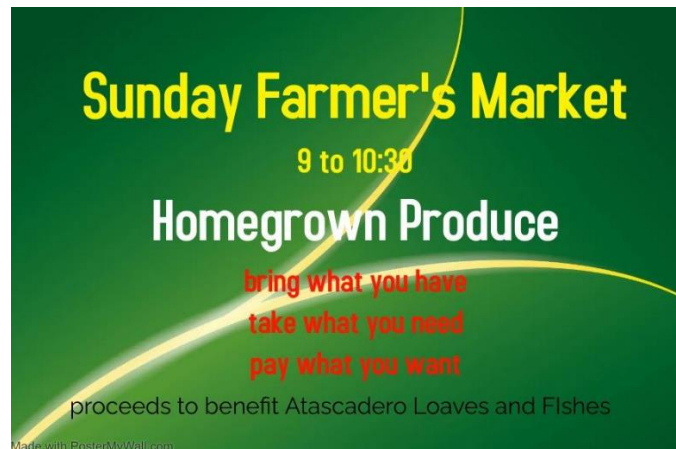
Buildings and Grounds:

1. Repairs to the Undercroft (to be dedicated as the Cummings Fellowship Hall). Choice of materials and contractor has been made. Jr. Warden, Ann Holley and the Ad hoc committee recommended the Vestry accept the \$26,815 bid estimate with Evangelista Construction. Motion passed.
2. Staircase update: bids to be solicited from contractors.

Treasurer's report accepted.

LiveScan/Safe Church Training. Application received and in progress.

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Our Farmer's Market started last week with Jan's wonderful tomatoes. Please bring any excess produce on Sunday and take home what you need. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit Atascadero Loaves and Fishes.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023



St. Luke's welcomes all creatures great and small to be blessed by Pastor Karen Siegfriedt as we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis on Sunday, October 1st at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your appropriately leashed or otherwise contained critters to this short, always joyous, and mostly under control service of worship and blessing. We celebrate your presence with us!

BICYCLE NEEDED

Echo is in desperate need of two bicycles, one for an adult and one for a younger person. If anyone knows of a resource for these please contact either Deacon Jim at 805-459-5923 or Matt Navarrete at 805-792-2228



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Heads up, St. Luke's family!

For those of you who know me, and have anything to do with horses, you know that when you hear this command, it means there is something fast approaching which you need to be aware of. And so it is, at this very moment— The St. Luke's 2023 Stewardship Campaign begins September 1st! Stay tuned for more information regarding, "Rooted in Abundance, 2023"!

Thank you,

Alice Baker-Taber, Stewardship Chair for 2023

UPDATE ON FLORRIE DRUMM



Florrie Drumm has been settled at home under the auspices of hospice and, with the following "gatekeeper rules", she welcomes visits. Flowers always brighten Florrie's day. Debbie Hall, Florrie's daughter, acts as her gatekeeper. *Please call Debbie to check in prior to visiting. Debbie can be reached at 805-471-0790. Please do not just drop in without first checking with Debbie.* Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Re-Homing our Diocese in Beloved Community

September 16, 9:30 - 3:00 St Paul/San Pablo, Salinas



The Social Justice Committee invites you to a very special workshop day on September 16th. In the past year we have been thinking about Christian Nationalism and how Christianity is being used to support white supremacy in this country. Also, the last diocesan convention passed a resolution forming a task force to explore our diocesan history with the oppression of the indigenous people of this land.

Re-homing our Diocese in Beloved Community brings together both these themes.

We are thrilled to welcome the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton who is a gifted speaker with a background in cultural anthropology. She is also vice-president of the House of Deputies, and Rector of Trinity, Everett, WA. Rachel was raised in a multi-cultural and mixed-race heritage of First Nations (Shackan, British Columbia), Pennsylvania Dutch and Scots-Irish, and is a passionate advocate for indigenous people.

In this workshop, we will be continuing to awaken to the history and the people of this land. You can expect to learn more about the Doctrine of Discovery and how this laid the foundation for Christian Nationalism and the oppression and genocide of native peoples. There will also be discussion of how we reach out to the people who represent the continuity of the land which we now inhabit and thus make our church more accessible to all whom Jesus loves.

Saturday September 16, 9:30 - 3:00
St. Paul/San Pablo, Salinas
Donation of \$25 includes lunch and helps to defray costs
Scholarships are available

[Register Now](#)

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PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Support the Hawai'i Fire Response

High winds from Hurricane Dora and drought conditions combined to accelerate the growth of brush fires that devastated the Lahaina community in Hawai'i. Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i in the wake of wildfires that have killed many people and displaced hundreds of families on Maui.

To make a donation, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are Working Together for Lasting Change.

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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.

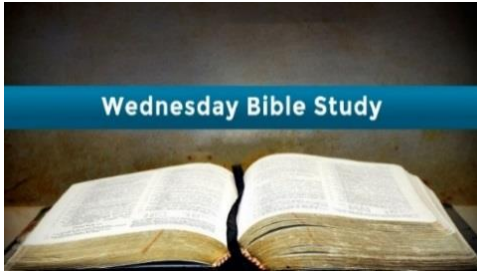
If you are ready to lend a helping hand and be a catalyst for positive change, we would love to have you on board. Please visit our website or contact us directly to learn more about volunteering opportunities and how you can get involved. (Insert Website Link)

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 20th 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.