St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

November 15, 2024



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 OF OUR WEEKLY SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON stlukesatascadero.org



Sunday Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Sunday Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE THANK YOU FOR SERVING

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

PRESIDER: THE REV. CARO HALL
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: KATHY HANSEN
FIRST LESSON & PSALM: KATHY HANSEN
SECOND LESSON: JEANNE OWEN
USHER GREETERS: MARY GRUBER &
JEANNE OWEN

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

PRESIDER: THE REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: JUDY LEWIS FIRST LESSON & PSALM: JUDY LEWIS SECOND LESSON: LEANN BROOKS USHER GREETERS: LEANN BROOKS & COLTON PATILLO

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS FOR THE MONTH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NOVEMBER 3 MIKE AND SALLY FERREE NOVEMBER 10 HUNTER PERRY NOVEMBER 17 ALICE BAKER TABER

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 3, 17, 24 JOE MCJIMSEY NOVEMBER 10 KATHY HANSEN

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St. Luke's Fall Calendar

Nov. 17	Rev. Caro Hall presiding 9 AM
	Gather Taize (virtual) 7 PM
Nov. 18	Mutual Ministry 11 AM
Nov. 19	Healing Lunch Noon
	Virtual Evening prayer 5 PM
Nov. 21	Virtual Evening prayer 5 PM
Nov. 23	All-Church Workday 9 AM
Nov. 24	Rev. Richard Rollefson presiding 9 AM
	Gather Taize (virtual) 7 PM
Nov. 25	Mutual Ministry 11 AM
Dec. 1	Rev. Karen Siegfriedt presiding
Dec. 2	Strategic Planning 11 AM



A Message from Rev. Linzi

Dear friends,

Christmas Eve planning is under way! This year we will be offering a wonderful service of Lessons & Carols at 4pm – we will tell the Christian story and sing our most beloved carols, and there will be hot drinks and cookies to follow. Please invite your friends and family to join us for a festive late afternoon celebration of the birth of Jesus!

Next Tuesday (11/19) we will gather in the church at 12pm for our Healing Lunch. We are blessed to be joined for this time together by two Franciscan sisters, who will share from their wisdom and lived experience about Spirituality and Dementia. If you'd like to participate in the pot-luck, please reach out to Betsy Blank, otherwise all are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. All are welcome, please do spread the word! (With much gratitude to Laura DeLoye for making this possible.)

Our Mutual Ministry work continues, and this past Monday we added in some Bible Study to frame our work. We spent some time with Luke 10:51-62 as we explored a model (which is simply *a way* of looking at something) depicting the life cycle of a parish. As we considered where we find ourselves on that life cycle, we talked about the struggle of following Jesus, especially when this seems to mean stepping away from what's familiar. We talked about the difficulties of not looking back. We talked about love of God and neighbor, and that change is part of life, and we noticed how these two things can often be in conflict; we shared how we might hold on tight to certain things, hoping to keep life 'the same,' because this feels safe. We wondered together about how it might feel to be set free from our desire to hold on to the things we know and love, trusting that God is always present to lead and guide us. And, importantly, we talked about how hard it is to follow Jesus alone, and this is why we do it together, as Church. Please join us on Monday, November 18 as we make a turn, and begin to think together about our future as St. Luke's.

Have a blessed Sunday, I look forward to being with you again for worship on December 8.

Until then, I send much love,

Linzi+







Healing Lunch Series:

SPIRITUALITY & DEMENTIA

A Journey Shared & Explored

with Sheral Marshall, OSF & Maureen Sinnott, OSF

Tuesday, Nov. 19 | 12 - 1:00pm St Luke's Episcopal Church 5318 Palma Ave., Atascadero, CA 93422

Join us to hear the story of two friends, one with dementia & one as a caregiver, both retired Sisters of St. Francis, on their unique journey of spirituality & dementia. Exploring the profound connection between faith & caregiving, they will reflect on their spiritual experiences & offer insights on maintaining compassion & love amidst the challenges of memory loss.

Please bring your lunch and join us!

To Register:

Call: 805-342-0956

Email: Ladeloye@alz.org



A Note from Liz

Thank you for the precious memorial service you gave my husband, Brian Ellis, on October 26, 2024. "The will know we are Christians by our love, by our love..." The love extended to family, friends and strangers was so displayed in every aspect of the day. Many who attended are religiously unaffiliated yet shared with me how perfectly moving the entire service was to them. I admit to a certain pride that our church "home" was so hospitable and generous to all and every, but I am not surprised. Our church experience remains unrivaled. Nowhere have we witnessed quite the same affection or commitment. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, the perfect service, the accommodation for those unable to attend, the hospitality and delicious food, the time and energy of all who gave and served. I am so very grateful. The day I honestly dreaded became a day of great blessing. The great love you extended is a testament to who you are and an affirmation to all. With love, Liz Harned

GIVING THANKS BY GIVING



We are blessed with abundance safety and a community of wonderful friends. A good way to express gratitude is by sharing some of our abundance. Each year we try to bury the altar at St. Luke's with cans and boxes of food for Atascadero Loaves and Fishes (ALF as it is now called). ALF can accept non-perishable food items for distribution either all throughout the Christmas the year or distribution. Please add a few cans of tuna, spaghetti sauce, veggies or boxes of cereal or bags of rice or beans to your grocery list this week. We don't have much time. Our offering of food will be ALF in the week before taken to Thanksgiving. This year let's try to get our pile of food all the way up to the altar table!





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR UPDATE

Only six more weeks to December 6 and St. Luke's Bazaar. Sign up sheets will be out the first of November for bakers to let us know that you are baking and it is helpful to know what you are planning to make. Remember the baked goods, jellies and jams are one of our big sellers usually 50% of the bazaar proceeds.

If you are working on craft items at home and have finished them, it will be helpful to let us know and bring them to me or Betsy so we can tag them. Let Betsy know if you can and would like to help her with some craft items she would like to do; it would be easier with help.

Sign-up sheets to help during the Bazaar will be out soon.

Thank you, Jan & Betsy



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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.

LET THE BELL RINGING SIGN-UPS BEGIN



St. Luke's will be participating in the Salvation Army bell ringing on December 17 and 18. Sign-ups are in the back of the church. One or two people may sign up for 2 hour intervals of joyful bell ringing at Grocery Outlet store. The Salvation Army uses the funds raised at the Christmas Kettle Drive to pay rent, utilities and other necessities for families and individuals in need in our area throughout the year. That loose change really adds up! Our time spent ringing the bell is one really meaningful and helpful gift we can give during the Christmas season.

NOVEMBER WORK DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED

We will have a workday on November 23 from 9 AM until 12 noon. Coffee and doughnuts

will be served in the cottage. Please bring your tools, pruners, tree trimmer, hand trowel and

gloves to the work day or days of your choice.

- There is something for everyone to do:
- Change light bulbs.
- 2.Clear drains
- 3.Sweep the roof.
- 4. Fill holes in the lawn and reseed.
- 5. Prune dead wood from trees.
- 6.Prune fruit trees.
- 7.Install Electric Heaters in the Cottage.
- 8. Install Awnings.
- 9. Paint.
- 10. Restock the pantry

Many hands make light work. I hope you can help us on one or both of those days. Respectfully Submitted by Ann Holley.



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Gather with Taizé Music Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm If interested and would like an invitation to attend, please send an email to <u>castlewoodt6@gmail.com</u> to get on the list.

Got Newsletter Articles?

Please send them to Kathy Hansen Rubykat710@att.net

Put "Newsletter" in the subject line.
The deadline for each week is
Tuesday evening.

JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER



This is a wonderful way to bookend your day with a varied and brief service every Tuesday

and Thursday at 5:00 PM. You may use the link available on the St. Luke's website (www.stlukesatascadero.com) or use any Zoom Evening Prayer invite you have on file. We welcome you to join us.

Clothes needed for Echo. There is still a need for



warm clothes for the homeless. Please place in container in narthex and they will be delivered to Echo.

Take a peek over the gate to the back yard to check out our almost finished stairs!

