St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

November 20, 2026



You are invited to the St. Luke's in-person Sunday Morning Service at 9:00 a.m. 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 a message.

LINKS TO ALL OF OUR WEEKLY SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON
stlukesatascadero.org



Sunday	Sunday Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
Tuesdays	Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.
Thursdays	Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.



November 22
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

November 29
Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
THANK YOU FOR SERVING

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
PRESIDER: REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: JUDY LEWIS
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: JUDY LEWIS
SECOND LESSON: JEANNE OWEN
USHERS/GREETERS: LEANN BROOKS

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
PRESIDER: REV. GRETA RONNINGEN
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: TBD
MUSICIAN: JOSEPH SEYEDAS
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: TIM PECK
SECOND LESSON: BROOKS PECOT
USHERS/GREETERS: BROOKS PECOT

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER:
JOE MCJIMSEY

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

NOVEMBER 22	ALICE BAKER-TABER
NOVEMBER 29	MARY GRUBER



St. Luke's Fall Calendar

- Zoom Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. every morning
- Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m.
  Zoom Evening prayer (link on the website)

November 21	Eucharistic Minister and visitor training 10 a.m.
November 21	Mujeres de Accion Food distribution
November 22	Rev. Richard Rollefson presiding Blessing of Mountain of food for ALF
November 29	Sr. Greta Ronningen presiding 1st Sunday of Advent
December 4	Christmas Bazaar!
December 6	Rev. Karen Siegfriedt presiding 2ND Sunday of Advent Pledge in-gathering



Mark Your Calendars

The Bishop's visit for 2026 is scheduled for **December 13.** We hope you can be with us in person on that day. If you haven't met the Bishop, it is a great time to do so. If you have met her already, it is still a great time say hello and to extend the hospitality of our St. Luke's community.

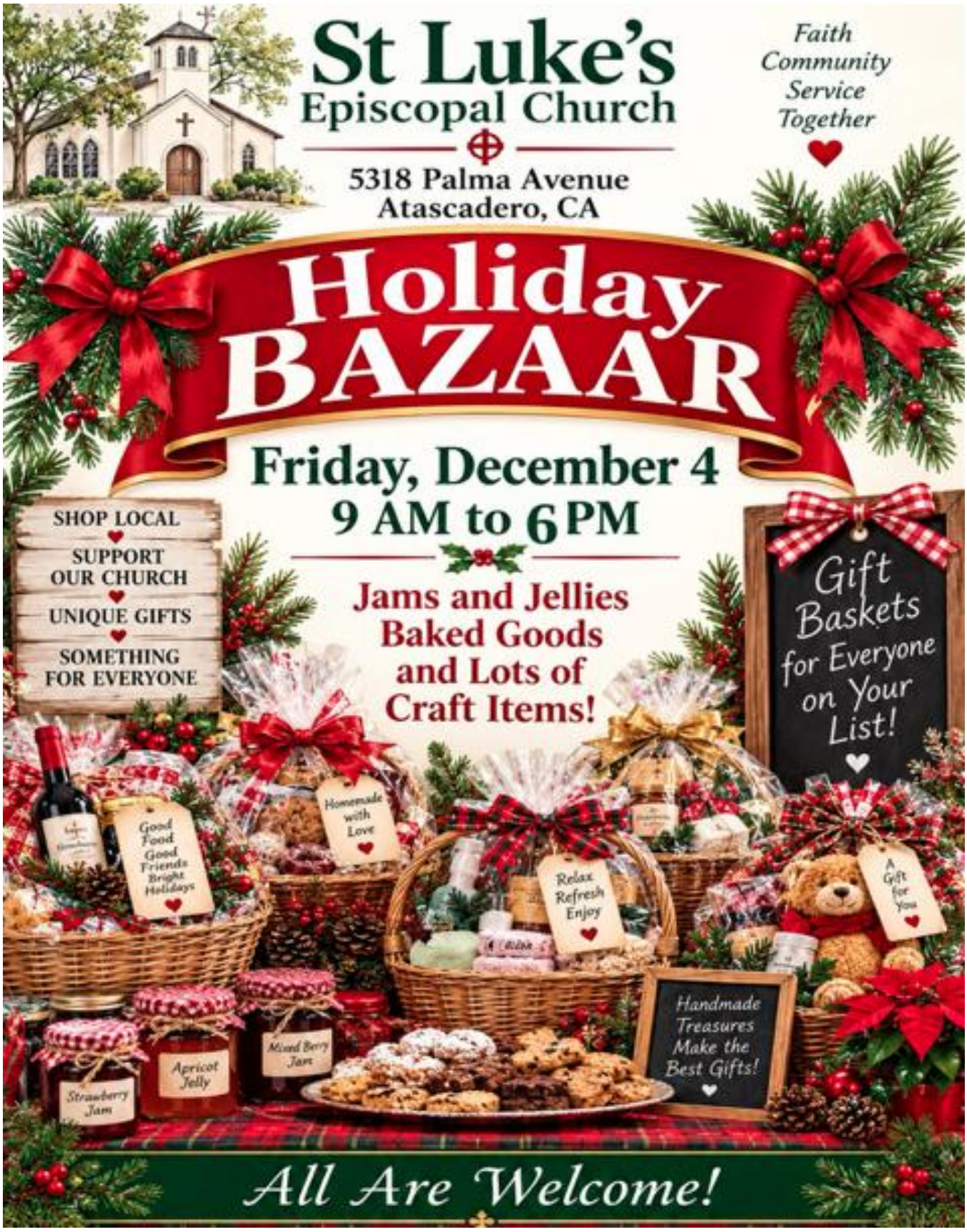
The Mountain of Food is Growing as You Read This!



There was a substantial pile of food under the altar this last Sunday and we hope to have more food for the next three weeks. Usually during the year, we send food to the Mujeres Food Distribution and that is a great thing. In November, we also send food to ALF Food Pantry which started in our own undercroft and has grown over the years to a large operation that involves many churches and organizations. We have enjoyed a few visits from ALF President, Tim Eckles,, and you can check out their new facility on El Camino Real, roughly across from Taco Bell. ALF serves our community of Atascadero and the surrounding areas. All of the workers are volunteers. In 2025 700,000 pounds of food were distributed and 11,509 pantry visits were served!

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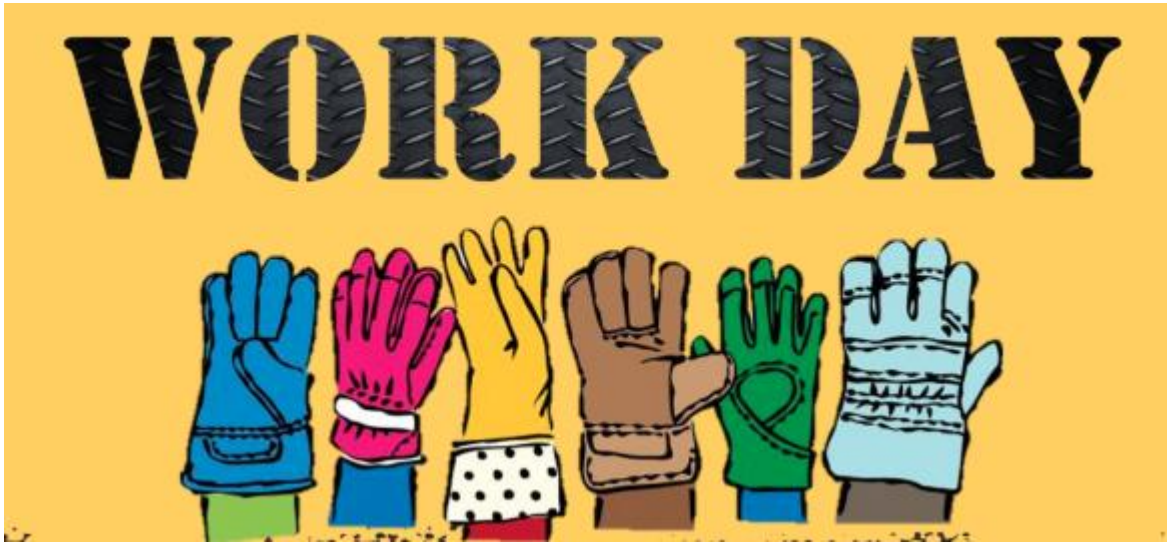
It Is Not Too Late To Learn To Be Eucharistic Minister Or A Eucharistic Visitor





All it takes is 3 hours of training by our friends Deacon's Jim and Susan Arnold. **The next training will be offered on Saturday, November 21, 2026 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Luke's.** The Diocese issues a 3 year "license" and then you too are free to hold the chalice during communion or take communion to a shut-in when needed. I always find it quite meaningful to be able to offer the Cup of Salvation, to know that in many different ways and on many different levels this is comforting and sustaining to those who come to receive it. We currently have only two licensed EM's and two licensed EV's. So, if you have a thought sometimes that you might like to be part of serving communion, please consider that thought a tiny whispering of the Holy Spirit. Contact: Judy Lewis, (805) 226-6662 voice/text, LewmanyJ@gmail.com for more information or to indicate your intention to attend.

Time To Spruce Up The Grounds For The Bishop's Visit.



A church workday has been scheduled for **December 12 from 9-noon.** We will be making sure the flower beds, trees and lawns are at their best for the holiday season. Bring tools, gloves, etc. Hopefully it will be a beautiful day with lots of fun work and time together. Contact Roger Taber for more information.

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Ringing the Bell



The Christmas season is the time when we bundle up in warm clothing, and head on out to the community to ring the Bell for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. We will be ringing in front of Food for Less this year on December 11 & 12, Mary Gruber is again coordinating our St. Luke's commitment. She has sign-up sheets at the back of the church, or you can call her to select your favorite time of day. Sign up for a whole 2 hours or share the time with a friend. Groups, pets, spontaneous music, stools and chairs are all welcome as are smiles and greetings. This is a fun way to get into the spirit of the season, a great way to help our neighbors and a real gift to ourselves to spend a little time away from the internet, interacting with real people. If you haven't tried it yet, you may be surprised at how delightful the time is.



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Stewardship



In the Christian tradition, discernment means listening for God's direction before making a decision. It does not require a retreat or special training. It asks only for time, honesty, and prayer. If you have not yet decided on your pledge, here is a simple practice.

Begin with gratitude. Before thinking about numbers, take a few quiet minutes to name what you have received this year: people, health, provision, moments of grace, and what St. Luke's has meant to you.

Look honestly at your resources. Many people find it helpful to think in terms of a percentage of income rather than a dollar amount. Wherever you are now, ask whether God might be inviting you to grow, even a little.

Talk it over. If you share your finances with a spouse or family, make this decision together. Some families find it a meaningful way to talk with children about why we give.

Pray. You might use this prayer adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer:*

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace to honor you with our resources and to be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then decide, and be at peace. Offer your pledge in a spirit of trust.

If possible, please bring your Pledge Card

Sunday, December 6.

If you need more time to pray, take it.
A pledge that arrives later is still welcome.

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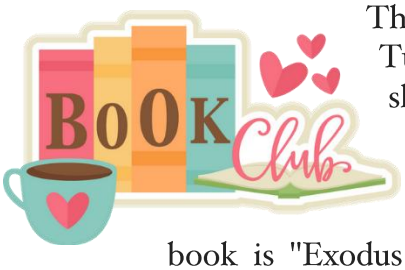
Gather with Taizé Music Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm If interested and would like an invitation to attend, please send an email to *castlewood16@gmail.com* to get on the list.

Got Newsletter Articles?

Please send them to Kathy Hansen
Rubykat710@gmail.com
Put "Newsletter" in the subject line.
The deadline for each week is Tuesday evening.

MUJERES DE ACCION distributes food to families suffering the effects of ICE actions in our area on the Saturday following the third Wednesday each month. You can contribute non-perishable food to the distribution by placing it in the box at the back of the church or arranging to drop it off with Mary Gruber by the Friday of that week. Items asked for are: Evaporated milk, chicken bouillon, sugar, instant coffee, pancake mix, apple juice, pinto beans, corn tortillas, rice, pasta, gallon water, peanut butter, strawberry jam, canola oil and diapers.

The Book Group



The Book Group meets on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. skipping the first Tuesday of each month when Rev. Caro leads a Bible Study. The current book is "Exodus for Normal People" by Peter Enns and Jared Byas. Contact Jeannie Owen for more information.

The Bidding Book & Prayer Requests



Prayers of thanksgiving or intercession written in the bidding book on the podium at the back of the church are offered during the worship service. They are also added to the Parish Prayer List, maintained by the Daughters of the King, and prayed for during Zoom Evening Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Emergency prayer requests may be made by calling the church office and leaving a message. Messages are checked daily. The 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.

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.