

# St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

## July 10, 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](http://stlukesatascadero.org)



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



### July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14  
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### July 26

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



## SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE THANK YOU FOR SERVING

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, JULY 12

OFFICIANT: LEANN BROOKS  
REFLECTION: TIM ECKLES ALF FOOD PANTRY  
MUSICIAN: LAURA DELOYE  
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: ANN HOLLEY  
SECOND LESSON: JEANNE OWEN  
USHERS/GREETERS: MIKE & SALLY FERREE

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, JULY 19

PRESIDER: REV. KAREN SIEGFRIEDT  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: STEPHANIE SHERMAN  
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: KATHY HANSEN  
SECOND LESSON: JUDY LEWIS  
USHERS/GREETERS: JAN KICKOK

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY: ANN HOLLEY

#### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

7/12 - ALICE & ROGER TABER  
7/19 - JEANNIE OWEN  
7/26 - JAN HICKOK



### ST. LUKE'S SUMMER 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)

#### July All of July is "Stuff a Backpack" offering Month

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| July 12  | Morning Prayer, Leann Brooks officiating & Tim Eckles of ALF speaking |
| July 19  | Rev. Karen Siegfriedt presiding                                       |
| July 26  | Rev. Richard Rollefson presiding                                      |
| August 2 | Rev. Karen Siegfriedt presiding                                       |
| August 4 | Bible Study with Rev. Caro 11:30 a.m.                                 |
| August 8 | Quilt Day 9 a.m. – 12 noon  |

### SAVE THE DATE

The next Quilt Day is scheduled for August 8, 9-12.



### BOOK CLUB MEETING CHANGE



### THE BOOK GROUP IS CHANGING BOOKS AND DATES

Starting Tuesday, June 30 the Book Group will meet on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. skipping the first Tuesday of each month when Rev. Caro leads a Bible Study. The new book will be "Genesis for Normal People" by Peter Enns and Jared Byas. Contact Jeannie Owen for more information.

### LUNCH BUNCH WILL MEET NEXT ON JULY 21 AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE UNDERCROFT

After a brief hiatus, we will resume Lunch Bunch in July on the third Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Bring a bag lunch or something to share, whatever you feel like doing. This is just a low stress time to be together and enjoy each other's company.



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YOU CAN HELP!



(The following article is taken in part from the newsletter of Faith Communities and Neighbors in Action in cooperation with Mujeres de Accion)

Recent Supreme Court decisions have emboldened the Administration's work of detention and deportation of immigrants. Santa Maria has already seen an uptick in ICE action. We have to be prepared for it to happen here in North County too.

It's important to assure our mixed status and undocumented neighbors that they are not alone, that they have neighbors who care about them, and that we will continue to stand with them if they are the target of ICE action. **The best way for us to do that is to continue with—and be absolutely committed to—our promise to provide our neighbors with the food items they need every month.**

This year Mujeres de Accion and the Faith Coalition have doubled the number of families we serve: we're distributing 48 baskets of food every month. Your energy and generosity have made this possible. And because the need is growing, we are asking you to do it again this month: not only to donate food yourself, but to **invite your neighbors and friends to join you in this effort.** The food list is included in this newsletter. Share it with a friend.

*This month's food distribution will be on **Saturday, July 18.** Mary Gruber will pick up food left in the box at the front of the church before Friday, July 17, or you can deliver directly to her home by Thursday evening. Please only purchase the items on the list.*

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.

## STUFFING THE BUS

It is the time of year when kids are out and about in the world, doing their best to enjoy the summer which seems more and more brief as each year passes. They are not thinking about school but the beginning of school creeps up on us so fast and with it the need for school supplies, binders, notebooks, pencils and pens, etc. This year we are designating the whole month of July to collect school supplies for the children of our county. We will collect these things under the altar and will bless everything on August 9. The United Way distributes school supplies each year throughout our county in their "Stuff the Bus" program so we will be taking our offering to their collection point after the Vestry meeting that day. Also on that day, we will bless backpacks for the children of our congregation.



### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

This year's Bazaar will emphasize the jams and jellies, with possibly some baked goods and possibly some crafts. If you feel like creating

crafts or baked goods, you are invited to do so but we will not plan on having the huge number and variety of crafts as in past years. One way to support our jam and jelly makers is to donate jars, lids, sugar and pectin. There will be a basket in the back of the church starting this Sunday to collect these contributions. If you have fruit, please speak with either Jan Hickok or Betsy Blank to find out if it can be used. Next month we will have sign-up sheets out so you can commit to helping with the Bazaar in whatever way works for you.

### THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD!

It is always a great pleasure to deliver our dinner offering to ECHO on the first Monday of each month. The casseroles, salad, veggies and dessert line up on the counter in a way that just says, there is plenty of great stuff to eat tonight. Thank you to everyone who used your time, skill and creativity to make delicious things for those who do not have the same resources that we do. It is a gift well appreciated.

THANK YOU!



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MORNING PRAYER AND LEARNING



The second Sunday of the month is coming up again this weekend and with it another opportunity to learn something wonderful about our community. President Tim Eckles of ALF Food Pantry will join us during the service of Morning Prayer to tell us about ALF and what they are doing. We expect to hear a lot about their new facility down town but also about the daily work ALF does to provide food for our neighbors in need. Did you know that ALF began as Loaves and Fishes and initially the pantry was in the undercroft of St. Luke's? The cans and freezers were in a small room which was shared with the choir robes and pall. Fr. Matt was one of the counselors. Clients were interviewed in the larger portion of the undercroft and one summer the clients had to wend their way through a Palestinian village made of cardboard that had been set up for the St. Luke's VBS. Fun times! Come learn about ALF this Sunday. (The plate offering this Sunday is designated for ALF.)

VESTRY OF THE WHOLE IS THIS WEEK!

## **Vestry of the Whole Congregation**

# **MEETING**

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Time certainly flies. This week the Vestry of the Whole (that includes you!) will meet after church to discuss the business of St. Luke's. We will enjoy a pretty fast potluck meal together between the church service and the Vestry meeting. Bring food if you have time. It is always an informative meeting, and it is your opportunity to participate in decision making of St. Luke's.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



We thought we would mark the 250th birthday of our country by doing what we as a church do best – praying. We all have hopes and concerns for our country, for our world and the people and other living beings in it. Let's bring those thoughts before God and each other as a way of making space for God's kingdom in our world. As prayer is always a gift to those we are praying for and also to ourselves, it seems appropriate to purposefully give this gift at this time. From next week until the end of July, when you are praying, write down a few of your prayers for our country and the well-being of our world. You can e-mail them to [rubykat710@gmail.com](mailto:rubykat710@gmail.com) or text them to 805-721-0488 or bring them to church and write them in the bidding book (Please put an asterisk after them so we know which ones to print) We will print them in the weekly newsletter each week and see if we can get to 250 printed prayers. Looking forward to seeing our world through the hopeful visions of our loving and varied congregation.

### Birthday Blessings for the United States and the World (1-25)

- Let peace rule in our communities and cities, Amen
- Teach us to love one another beyond differences, Amen
- Raise up leaders of integrity and humility, Amen
- Grant wisdom to our leaders as they guide this country, Amen
- Renew communities and heal divisions, Amen
- Lift the poor and protect the weak, Amen
- May this nation remain a land where hope is never extinguished, Amen
- Heal divisions and restore broken relationships, Amen
- Strengthen our spiritual hunger, Amen.
- May our celebration reflect Your glory, Amen
- Thanksgiving for the 250 years of democracy\*
- Thanksgiving for our country when we try to live up to our ideals\*
- Thanksgiving for family, even when we don't agree\*
- Thanksgiving for freedom of religion\*
- For the people in government of Venezuela\*
- God grant me understanding and compassion for those that think differently than I.\*
- Peace and protection for the United States of America\*
- Healing for a grieving country\*
- Immigration reform with justice\*
- Protection and healing for families that are separated\*
- Compassion and wisdom for our leaders\*
- Wisdom for our leaders in dealing with new technology.
- For all of us to consider the future generations in our decision making.
- Deliver us from voting and acting only in our own self interest.
- Thanksgiving for the beauty and abundance of our land.
- Help us to have compassion and empathy for those whose life experience is not the same as ours.
- Open our minds and hearts to include the wellbeing of others.
- Help us to listen across the great divisions, to hear and respect those who think differently from us.
- Be with the children, give them hope.

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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 [castlewoodr6@gmail.com](mailto:castlewoodr6@gmail.com) to get on the list.

## Got Newsletter Articles?

Please send them to Kathy Hansen

[Rubykat710@gmail.com](mailto: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 BIDDING BOOK & PRAYER REQUESTS

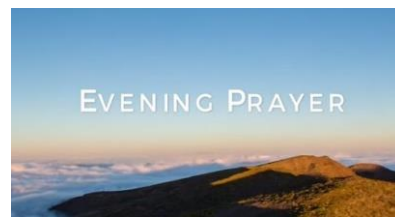
Over the past several years the parish prayer list has experienced an enormous growth. This warms the heart. The issue has become how to most effectively offer these prayers during our worship services over the course of a week. So effectively offer our intercessions and thanksgivings we will do the 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.

### 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](http://www.stlukesatascadero.com)) or use any Zoom Evening Prayer invite you have on file. We welcome you to join us.