

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

July 17, 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
Tuesdays
Thursdays

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

The Wheat and the Weeds



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, JULY 26

PRESIDER: REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: JUDY LEWIS
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: JUDY LEWIS
SECOND LESSON: MARY GRUBER
USHERS/GREETERS: ANN HOLLEY

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY: **ANN HOLLEY**

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
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

July 19	Rev. Karen Siegfriedt presiding
July 21	Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m.
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

Dear Parishioners, You have likely received multiple giving reports for the 2nd quarter. Please disregard any that was sent before 7/14. If there is something wrong with the one sent 7/14, please be so kind as to notify Hunter Perry so it can be corrected. You can find her contact information in the parish directory or call the office. It's a bit of a steep learning curve and she's working hard to perfect it. If you are current or ahead, we really appreciate you.

Leann



SAVE THE DATE

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

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.

**BOOK CLUB
MEETING
CHANGE**



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.

Rev. Karen has forwarded this lovely thought for us this week. Thank you Rev. Karen!

"Love is a better use of everyone's energy than outrage."

"When the nation builds detention camps,
build a coalition of care.

When leaders prize cruelty,
prize generosity.

When officials deal in fear,
deal in grace.

When loud voices call out,
remember the power in being quiet enough
to hear the birds.

When Empire comes to recruit,
sign up for the commonwealth of God.

When you are asked to sign away your soul
to apathy and resignation,
remember your agency to choose something else.

When the Way seems lost,
remember the story has always been
what was put in a tomb to stay
never has."

-- Laura Martin



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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 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)

Birthday Blessings for our Country

- For a way through our war with Iran.
- Thanksgiving for the idea of justice and the willingness to try to achieve it.
- Thanksgiving for our public educational system.
- Be with all those who are vulnerable in our country, give them strength.
- For our land, protect it from those who only care about profits.
- Help us to understand what it takes to make peace and live peaceably with others.
- Give us a true vision of our country as you would have it be.
- Thanksgiving for those who give their lives in service of our country, our people and the people of the world.
- Thanksgiving for your presence among us even when we don't acknowledge or follow your guidance.
- Help us to have compassion.



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 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) or use any Zoom Evening Prayer invite you have on file. We welcome you to join us.