

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Weekly Newsletter

September 19, 2025



You Are Invited to the St. Luke's
In-Person Sunday Morning Service
Sunday morning
at 9:00am

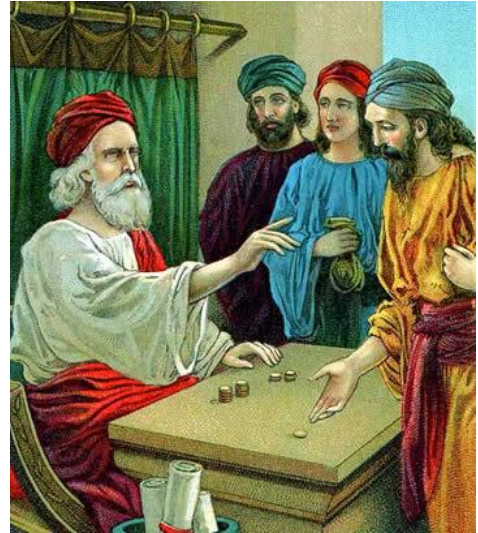
If you are unable or prefer to join us
on Zoom, we will send you a Zoom
invitation through email. If you are
not receiving the email, please send
the office an email.

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



Sunday
Tuesdays
Thursdays

Sunday Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE THANK YOU FOR SERVING

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

OFFICIANT LEANN BROOKS
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: ANN HOLLEY
SECOND LESSON: BROOKS PECOT
USHER GREETERS: ANN HOLLEY &
BROOKS PECOT

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

OFFICIANT: REV. RICHARD ROLLEFSON
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: JUDY LEWIS
FIRST LESSON AND PSALM: JUDY LEWIS
SECOND LESSON: KATHY HANSEN
USHER GREETERS: BROOKS PECOT &
JEANNE OWEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER: JOE MCJIMSEY

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
FOR THE MONTH ARE AS FOLLOWS:
SEPTEMBER 21 - JEANNIE OWEN
SEPT. 28 - LEANN BROOKS



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)
- Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Discussions with Re. Linzi.

For the month of September: Seasons of Creation

September 20	Quilt Day
September 21	Morning Prayer – Leann Brooks leading
September 28	Rev. Richard Rollefson presiding
October 4	All Church Workday
October 5	Rev. Karen Siegfriedt presiding Blessing of the Animals
October 12	Bishop Lucinda's visitation

Message From Our Priest-In-Charge



Dear friends,

This past Sunday I was able to be celebrate Eucharist at St. Luke's and celebrate one year of service as your priest-in-charge; THANK YOU so very much for the generous and thoughtful gift basket!! Ever since meeting the folks of St. Luke's I have been so very grateful for your love and care! And then, after worship, we sat down together for our Vestry of the Whole meeting, and I shared some hard news with the parish: after a great deal of prayer and discernment, I've made the decision that I'm unable to continue on as your ¼ time priest, my last day with you will be 12/31. This is certainly a heart-breaking decision for me, and one not

taken lightly, or made swiftly. This ¼ time call has been a new experience for me, and I have certainly wrestled with it over this past year – what seems as though it should work ('on paper') has proved to be a challenge for me, body, mind, and spirit – and, as the priest I am (which is the only kind of priest I can be!), I've learned it's not a sustainable form ministry for me.

This in no way limits the great love I have for St. Luke's, or the impact this parish has had on my own spiritual growth and development over this past year, for which I will always be grateful. St. Luke's is faithful and overflowing with love and care and it is my great privilege to continue to journey with you all through the end of this year.

Please do be part of the ongoing conversation on Tuesdays at 11am as we continue to think together about St. Luke's future, through Bible Study and through prayer, through strategic planning and group sharing – there is much to be done, and *everyone* is needed for this work!

My love, my gratitude, and my friendship,

your sister in Christ,

Linzi+

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THE QUILT DAY IS ON SEPT 20TH

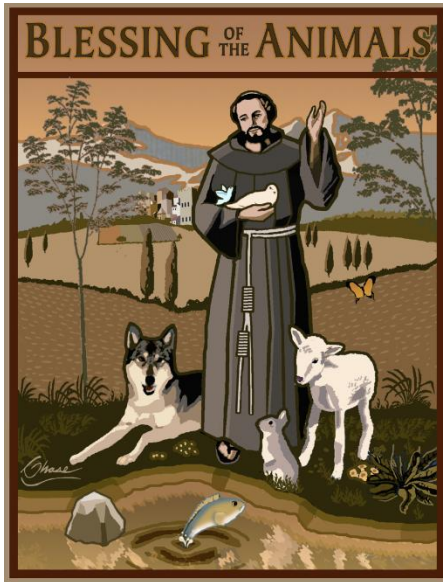
Get ready for another great day of working together to turn scraps into useful, beautiful comforters to comfort and warm those who are in difficult situations worldwide. Join us on **September 20 at 9 a.m.** to make simple comforters that we then pass along to the Mennonite emergency disaster supply distribution network. It is a unique time of creativity and fellowship. You don't even need to know how to sew to contribute to the work. Call Kathy Hansen, or Ann Holley for more information.



ALL CHURCH WORKDAY ON THE CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 4



We are blessing animals on October 5 and the Bishop is coming on October 12. We would like to have the grounds looking wonderful and welcoming for both of these events. Roger will have plenty of work for us to do. Bring hats, your favorite yard tools and plenty of energy at 9 a.m. We will work roughly from 9-noon with coffee and donuts provided and breaks as you need them always encouraged. Call Roger Taber for more information.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 1ST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER

We know that animals are already blessed. For that matter so are we, but the first Sunday of October (October 5th this year) is reserved for us to bring our pets to church to honor and give thanks for God's creation of the animals that are not us. All living creatures are welcome to receive an extra blessing on this day. Please make sure that your pets are adequately restrained, leashes, crates, boxes or bowls are encouraged to minimize excitement during the service.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO ALF FOOD PANTRY!



For the month of September, members of the ALF Board of Directors have generously pledged personally to match all donations up to a total of \$31,000!

That means your \$10 donation becomes \$20 and your \$100 donation becomes \$200--and so on!

ALF's upcoming purchase of a much-needed new building, as well as ongoing operating costs, means donations are currently more essential than ever. Please choose to be part of ALF's move into the future!

Send your check to:
ALF Food Pantry
5411 El Camino Real
Atascadero, CA. 93422
or donate online at:

<https://alffoodpantry.org/ways-to-give>

Together, let's make every dollar count to help our hungry neighbors.

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Christmas Bazaar

We are looking for fresh fruits for our jam and jelly makers, so ask your friends and neighbors with fruit for a contribution. If you would like to help with supplies, 8 oz canning jars, sugar and pectin are welcome. Walmart is a good place to find jars. Contact Jan Hickok 805-400-9244. As of the 1st of August, our jam and jelly makers have made more than 150 jars.

You can also contribute with your individual craft items, baked goods, cookies, or you can put together a themed basket, something new this year. The following are some suggestions:



- **Breakfast in Bed Basket:** Include pancake mix, syrup, ground coffee or tea. This is a delightful way to treat someone to a cozy morning.
- **Movie Night Basket:** Fill with a large popcorn bowl with popcorn, candy, and a couple of classic films or streaming gift cards. This is perfect for a fun night in.
- **Spa Day Basket:** Combine bath bombs, scented candles, a soft robe, and skincare products for a relaxing self-care experience.
- **Gardening Basket:** Include seeds, gardening gloves, small tools, and a plant care guide. This is ideal for the gardening enthusiast in your life.
- **Coffee Lovers' Basket:** Fill it with gourmet coffee beans, a stylish mug, flavored syrups, and a coffee grinder. This is perfect for anyone who enjoys their daily brew.
- **Someone Who Loves Ice Cream:** Include some waffle cone bowls, sugar cones and assorted candies and repackage everything in clear cello bags with colorful labels and bakers' twine.

Ideas for baskets are endless, be creative:

- For the Manicure Maniac
- For the Hot Cocoa Enthusiast
- For Someone in Love With Their Cat
- For Helping Someone Get Well
- For Welcoming a Little One Into the World
- For a New Home
- For Someone with the Travel Bug
- For a Perfect Cozy Day



WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETS TO PLAN CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE








Worship Committee

Merry Christmas! OK, well it is coming. Pretty soon too, so we are going to get cracking on planning another dynamite Christmas Eve Service. Hopefully it will be similar to last year's but with even more wonderful elements. If you would like to help plan, please join us by Zoom at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 25. The link is on the website. It is the same link that we use for Evening Prayer. Just go to the website and click on the Evening Prayer link. See you there. Bring ideas!

YOU CAN HELP!



FOOD DRIVE ITEMS

 EVAPORATED MILK	 CHICKEN BOUILLON	 SUGAR
 INSTANT COFFEE	 PANCAKE MIX	 APPLE JUICE
 PINTO BEANS	 CORN TORTILLAS	 RICE

OTHER ITEMS: PASTA, GALLON WATER, PEANUT BUTTER, STRAWBERRY JAM, & CANOLA OIL

The Mujeres de Accion holds a pop-up food distribution on the Saturday following the third Wednesday of each month for those who are now threatened by ICE operations in the area. Mary Gruber collects food for this event. If you would like to help, you can call her to arrange a time to drop food off at her house or she will be at church on Sunday, Sept. 14 and Tuesday, Sept. 16. She would like to have everything by Thursday, Sept. 18. A list of needed food items is above.

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US AND THE WORLD



Last week, Pastor Karen challenged us each to do one thing this week to help with the climate crisis. We thought it might be nice to extend that challenge throughout the Season of Creation and to somehow mark our various efforts. We are working on a new piece of liturgical art for the month of September and we need your help. In your bulletin each week will be a piece of green paper shaped like a leaf. We ask that you write on it whatever you have done to appreciate and help the environment during the week. If you will put the leaves into the offering plate on Sunday, we will attach them to an

ever-growing vine near the front of the church to mark our growing awareness and care for our earth. So please, get started thinking about what you are offering for the care of God's creation. Have you remembered to bring your shopping bags instead of asking for the plastic ones? Have you fixed a leaky water faucet? Have you carpooled to a distant event or decided against a lengthy plane trip? Have you written a letter to a legislator? Have you learned a new thing about the air or water or living things? Have you paused to give thanks for the beauty of creation as we are privileged to experience it right now? There are many things that we can do to be good stewards of our world. All begin with awareness, and gratitude. You probably know that through photosynthesis, plants take in carbon dioxide and release the oxygen back into the atmosphere. Plants are the lungs of our planet. Each tiny leaf makes a difference.

JOIN US FOR A BOOK GROUP



Mary and I are starting a Book Group. Our first book is *Enough About Me* by Richard Lui in which he explains how becoming selfless helps other people and you as well. His father had Alzheimer's disease, and he quit his job as a news broadcaster to care for him. That changed his life tremendously. He shares that journey in a joyous way.

First meeting Wednesday, Oct. 8 @ 1:30 in the Cummings Fellowship Hall. Please email Jeanne or Mary for information:

owenjeanne733@gmail.com or bobmarylady@gmail.com



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 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.**

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.



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.